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Preface

It gives us immense pleasure to place in the hands of our users and scholars the fourth annual volume of the *Indians in News,* covering events of 2004.

The evolution of human society from agrarian to information society is the story of men and women struggling to make their life more secure and better. This struggle to bring about changes shall never end, so also the occurrence of new revolutions. It is important, therefore, that the activities of such persons as have contributed to such revolutions, are recorded systematically and faithfully so that the coming generations learn from their experiences and draw due benefit for the good of society. The effort shall have to be global, each nation cooperating and contributing its share.

Of all the resources of a nation, human resource is the most important. To learn about the leaders, the persons who make news and those who are in news, will tell about a country as the history itself. Since men and matters are inseparable, people are also interested to have the background information on the social milieu, the social motives and the social pressures on the individuals who created news or were in news.

The ***Indians in News***, which is an annual publication, is a source of information on those men and women of India who created news or were in news for certain reasons during the year. It also includes those who are of Indian origin but are living and operating in foreign lands and are in news.

A biographical dictionary is an important source of information. It tells about the important persons whose contributions to the society—positive or negative—have been significant. Since persons are connected with matters, everybody uses a biographical dictionary, to know about men and matters. A conventional biographical dictionary, however, suffers on two counts. One is that it is always out of date; the information that was correct at the time of its compilation, in many cases, has changed and is no more accurate now. Second is that a good number of persons included in it are no more relevant as they have now ceased to be active to create news, or to be in the news. There has always been a need of some current biographical tool.

A majority of seekers of information are interested only in those who are active and kicking—the persons who are the cause of happenings and are participating in matters that are significant. But the society is dynamic and things are changing fast. Men and matters do share this phenomenon. Persons who were unknown yesterday have come to limelight today. Some create history, others cause controversies, win horours, commit frauds, get accused, change places, get promoted, serve the society, kill or get killed or simply pass away. These or many other things are happening to one or another person at this or that moment. Information seekers wants to know the latest. The ***Indians in News*** serves this purpose because it is a biographical database of those Indians who are currently in the news and are relevant to the present times.

The Indians in News includes persons reported or discussed in such newspapers or journals as the *Hindu, Tribune, Times of India, Indian Express, Hindustan Times, India Today, Outlook, The Week, Competition Success Review,* etc. Alongwith the write-ups proper references have been given to connect the information about the person with its original source and also to guide the users to it, if they so wish. In a way this work may very well serve as an annotated index to the above newspapers and journals and promote their use further.

Though every matter is connected with one or another person, only such persons have been selected for inclusion in this work, whose role was significant and not of a routine nature. Another consideration was that the news with which an individual is connected should be of a lasting value.

The Indians in News, 2005 consists of two parts. Part I consists of records of persons in news, arranged systematically in an alphabetical order by their surnames. The persons who do not use their surnames are entered under their personal names. Under the name of the person is given the summary of the events because of which the person was in news. A brief biographical note is also added where warranted. The source of information is given so that the newspaper or journal reporting the news is easily accessed by the researchers. To keep up the authenticity of the information even the text of the original, in some cases, has been retained. This has been done to benefit the researchers in such subjects as history and political science. The following examples taken from Parts I and II of this work shall make the presentation more clear:

Chatterjee, Somnath

Somnath Chatterjee, a veteran CPI (M) leader has been offered the post of

Lok Sabha Speaker. Already CPM had rejected the offer to be the part of the Govt, which they have agreed to support from outside. The matter of Speakership is under consideration of the Party Politburo. Left has as many as 61 seats in the Lok Sabha. (*Tribune* May 29: 1, 19.)

CPM Politburo on May 25 agreed to the Congress offer of the Lok Sabha Speakership to Somnath Chatterjee after much dilly-dallying, the opposition of young guards notwithstanding. However, the CPI, the Forward Bloc and the RSP approved this proposal.

- *Tribune.* May 26, 2004 : 1.

Somnath Chatterjee is unanimously elected Lok Sabha Speaker on June 4. (*Hindu.* June 5, 2004)

Bridging the disparities between and within nations is an essential step "we have to take to strengthen the fabric of democracy," says the Lok Sabha Speaker, Somnath Chatterjee, inaugurating the first India and Asia Regions Commonwealth Association Conference, in Hyderabad on Nov. 18. (*Hindu.* Nov. 19, 2004)

Somnath Chatterjee, Lok Sabha Speaker and CPI-M leader offered to step down on December 16, a day after he was accused of indulging in "tanashahi" (tyranny).

- Stung by remarks, Speaker offers to quit: BJP says it hadn't called Somnath dictatorial, it was meant for government. *Hindustan Times*. December 17, 2004 : 1.
- Sharma, Rajeev and Gaurav Chaudhury. Angry Speaker offers to quit. *Tribune.* December 17, 2004 : 1, 20.
- Editorial : Speaker's anguish : Don't test his patience. *Tribune.* December 20, 2004 : 10.

Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee was in news four times during 2004. On May 25 the CPM politburo agreed to his becoming LS Speaker. On May 28 he was offered the post of Lok Sabha Speaker. He was elected Lok Sabha Speaker on June 4. On November 18 Mr Chatterjee Inaugurated the First India and Asia Regions Commonwealth Association Conference in Hyderabad. On December 16 Mr Chatterjee offered to step down as Lok Sabha Speaker in view of certain allegations by MP's.

Part II of the *Indians in News, 2005* consists of two indexes – Chronological Index and Broad Subject Index. These indexes have been added to facilitate the use of Part I and access the desired person in news discussed or described there. These Indexes provide access to Somnath Chatterjee as follows:

Chronological Index

May

23 **Patil, Shivraj.** Appointed Union Home Minister.
Maran, Dayanidhi. Appointed Union Communication and IT Minister.
Nair, T.K.A. To be the Principal Secretary to PM.

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25 **Chatterjee, Somnath.** CPM Politburo agreed to his becoming LS Speaker.
Raval, Kirit. Resigns as Solicitor-General of India.
Sorabjee, Soli J. Resigns as Attorney General of India.
27 **Dharam Singh, N.** Sworn in as Karnataka Chief Minister.
Dixit J.N. Takes over as the National Security Advisor.

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28 **Chatterjee, Somnath.** Offered the post of Lok Sabha Speaker.
Sawaminathan, M.S. Asked to head the National Commission on Farmers.

June

03 **Dhillon Baljit Singh.** Granted visa to USA.
Joshi, B.L. Appointed Lt.-Governor of Delhi.
04 **Chatterjee, Somnath.** Elected as Lok Sabha Speaker.
05 **Banerjee, Milon.** Appointed Attorney General of India.

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November

18 **Ajwani, P.K.** To undergo lie detector tests.
Chatterjee, Somnath. Inaugurates first India and Asia Regions Commonwealth Association Conference in Hyderabad.
Jayendra Saraswathi. Tells court that he is being implicated falsely.

December

15 **Raju, Venkatapathi.** Announces retirement.
Venkatesh, K. Andhra Pradesh HC rejects his writ petition for death.
16 **Asokan, K.** Delivers the fastest verdict.
Berde, Laxmikant. Died in Mumbai.
Chatterjee, Somnath. Offers to step down as Lok Sabha Speaker.
Gupta, P.K. Heads the National Housing Bank.

The **Chronological Index** indicates the date on which the event has occurred. In the examples cited above, during 2004 Somnath Chatterjee was in news on May 25 and 28, June 4, November 18 and December 16. This Index briefly gives the event occurred on each date.

Broad Subject Index

ACHIEVED. HONOURED. WON

November

18 **Chatterjee, Somnath.** Inaugurates First India and Asia Regions Commonwealth Association Conference in Hyderabad.

ELECTED

June

04 **Chatterjee, Somnath.** Elected as Lok Sabha Speaker.
09 **Atwal, Charanjit Singh.** Elected Lok Sabha Deputy Speaker.

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MISCELLANEOUS

May

25 **Chatterjee, Somnath.** CPM Politburo agreed to his becoming LS Speaker.

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December

12 **Irani, Smriti.** Launches attack on Gujarat CM Modi.
16 **Chatterjee, Somnath.** Offers to step down as Lok Sabha Speaker.
18 **Hazare, Vijay.** Passed away in Vadodara.

The **Broad Subject Index** , under the heading **Achieved. Honoured. Won**, Somnath Chatterjee appears against November 18. Under the heading **Elected** his name appears against June 4. And under the heading **Miscellaneous** his name appears against May 25 and December 16.

In a work like this there can be some omissions and inconsistencies. For instance, the date of occurrence of an event and its reporting may differ and also the rendering of Indian names into English. We shall be grateful to our readers if they point these out. Any suggestion towards the improvement of this work shall be gratefully acknowledged.

This publication is a valuable **Biographical Source Book** and as such indispensable for every library. It will update the existing sources of biographical information available in the libraries. Besides the librarians, the students and researchers of Political Science, Public Administration and History will find this work very useful reference tool for their present and future use. It shall also be consulted extensively by those preparing for various competitions. Because of the nature of its contents, this tool shall be used by everybody—intellectuals and the common people.

Ludhiana **Editors**
August 23, 2005

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The persons in news included in the ***Indians in News 2005*** are those who were reported in the following Indian newspapers and journals, alongwith the events and incidents with which they were connected to be in news, during 2004.

1. The Hindu
2. The Times of India
3. The Tribune
4. The Hindustan Times
5. The Indian Express
6. India Today
7. The Outlook
8. The Week

We acknowledge with a deep sense of gratitude the help we have drawn from the above newspapers and journals. Proper bibliographical references have been added to acknowledge this help and to connect the description of the person in this work with the source where it has been taken from so that the readers of this work may go to the original source to have the complete information or to check the facts for themselves, if they so desire.

In a way this work may serve as an annotated index to the biographical contents of these sources and may motivate many users to be the regular readers of the newspapers and journals referred to above,

The papers and journals are valuable source material for the scholars and researchers of social sciences, particularly those of Sociology, Political Science and History. For their benefit the original text has been retained in some cases so that they may use or quote the same in their research work, with a reference to the original source. Since the raw information on which the contents of this work are based has been drawn from the above sources, the compliers once again place on record the sense of gratitude they owe to the Managements and Editors of the above Newspapers and Journals.

In a work like the present one, many people contribute to complete the task. There are a number of them whose assistance and support demand recognition.

Important among them are those journalists who covered the events, sought facts from the persons themselves or located and retrieved the relevant information from the record in their archives about them and presented it to the public through the newspapers or journals they were working for. Without their sustained efforts such publication as the present one would not have been possible. We are grateful to them. There are many others like them and we may not be in a position to name them individually, we nevertheless thank them.

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Editors

PART I

Indians in News

A

Aathira Krishna

Aathira Krishna, a 16-year old girl from Kerala, has entered the Guinness Book of World Records for the longest violin marathon (32-hours violin recital, playing 901 compositions of Carnatic music) by an individual. Her earlier honours include the National Balasree Honour at the age of 13 and title of "Musical Gem of India".

– Ghosh, Lakshmi B. Teenager creates a record in violin marathon. *Hindu.* October 22, 2004:2.

Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr.)

President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam given his assent to the Anti-Defection Bill. (*Hindu*, January 3, 2004)

President Kalam presented the Gandhi Peace Prize for 2003 to the former President of the Czech Republic, Vaclav Havel. (*Hindu.* January 6, 2004)

President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam today called upon the non-resident Indians (NRIs) and persons of Indian origin (PIOs) to share their knowledge to help India become a developed nation. "Make your family in India happy and use your knowledge and experience to make India developed," Mr Kalam told a gathering of NRIs and PIOs at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Moghul Gardens. Departing from protocol, Mr Kalam mingled with the guests who are here to attend the second Pravasi Bharatiya Conference. He identified agriculture, education, healthcare, information technology, infrastructure and high technology as areas where thrust was needed. "You have to share your knowledge in these fields," he said. To a question on ways to removing corruption, Mr Kalam said no matter how many laws were passed to prevent the scourge, father, mother and the elementary schoolteacher could make the difference. Asked what his passion was, the President said he wanted 260 million people to smile.

– Help develop India, Kalam tells NRIs. *Tribune.* January 12, 2004:2.

President Kalam presented to The Army Chief in Hyderabad the first block of "Samyukta" an indigenous Integrated Electronic Warfare System. (*Hindu.* January 20, 2004)

President Kalam dissolves 13th Lok Sabha on February 6. (*Hindu.* February 2004)

President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, dissolved the 13th Lok Sabha on February 6, on the advice of the Prime Minister, Atal Behari Vajpayee, setting the stage for the next parliamentary elections.

– Khare. Harish. Stage set for General Elections : 13th Lok Sabha dissolved. *Hindu.* February 7, 2004 : 1.

Bailable warrants issued by the Ahmedabad magistrate, M.S. Brahm Bhatt against President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Chief Justice of India, Mr. Justice V.N. Khare and two other jurists on a false complaint for alleged bribe of Rs. 40,000 was quashed by the Supreme Court on April 27.

– SC quashes warrants against Kalam, CJI. *Tribune*. April 28, 2004: 1.

President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on July 14, had a rare interaction with the legislators of Andhra Pradesh assembly. He addressed the State Assembly and presented a 10-point mission to herald social and economic transformation in the state.

He defends India going nuclear during a historic address to the Andhra Pradesh Assembly on July 14. (*Hindu.* July 15, 2004)

– President's recipe for development *Tribune*. July 15, 2004: 16.

The President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, on July 21 wrote the following prayer in the memory of over 90 children who died in the school fire tragedy at Kumbakonam in Tamil Nadu.

Oh dear little ones!
For you, parents had glorious dreams!
And you were all immersed in your own dreams
Yet, Agni engulfed you and all of those dreams
Taking you to Almighty's divine presence
Usually, departed old parents are buried by sons
Whereas, Kumbakonam, saw a sad scene!
Crying parents burying their little ones!!
Oh Almighty! Show Your grace on those little ones
And keep them all in Thy Holiest Presence!!
Oh Almighty! Bless those parents wilting in grief
To have the strength to bear this great loss
May Thy compassion and grace pervade all souls
And bring down the pain and wipe away the tear
Oh Almighty! Show Your grace on those little ones.

– President pays poetic homage to fire victims. *Hindu.* July 22, 2004: 11.

President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam while speaking at the Chief Minister's Conclave, organised by the *India Today* on August 6, laid down the broad contours for a new development paradigm envisaging the creation of seven economic zones within the country with clearly defined mission objectives.

- Kalam offers uplift theory. *Tribune.* August 7, 2004: 2.

Addressing the nation on the eve of the 58th Independence Day, President pleaded for a thorough restructuring of the education system—covering admission, syllabi, examination and evaluation. He strongly advocated for an increase in the expenditure on education to 6-7 per cent of the GDP.

- President for overhaul of education system. *Sunday Tribune.* August 15, 2004: 1, 10.

Entrepreneurship orientation key to tackling joblessness, says the President, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, at the inauguration of celebration at Annamalai University, Chidambaram on Aug. 27. (*Hindu.* Aug. 28, 2004)

The President, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, promulgates an ordinance to repeal POTA on Sept 21. (*Hindu.* Sept. 22, 2004)

While delivering the inaugural address at the Banker's Conference (Bancon 2004) in New Delhi on November 10, President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam laid down a six-point mission for banks. Kalam said that commercial banks have to assume the role of a venture capitalist.

"The days of development financial institutions seem to be over. The current fashion is the Universal Bank," says the President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, spelling out a six-point mission at "BANCON", the bankers' meet, in New Delhi on Nov. 10. (*Hindu.* Nov. 11, 2004)

- Kalam stresses on hassle-free banking: Seeks venture capital for scientists, proactive role of banks in education. *Tribune.* November 11, 2004: 17.

Setting another precedent, the President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, has decided not to unveil statues or portraits in the Parliament House. Mr. Kalam said that he has great reverence and admiration for great leaders of the country but feels that the best tribute to them will be to undertake development projects such as setting up educational institutions, infrastructural facilities and hospitals in places where they are needed, particularly in rural areas. He said he would participate when such projects are undertaken in the names of great leaders.

- Kalam not to unveil statues or portraits. *Hindu.* December 1, 2004: 13.
- Kalam not to unveil portraits. *Tribune.* Dec. 1, 2004: 2.

Abdullah, Omar

National Conference President Mr. Omar Abdullah and his father Dr. Farooq Abdullah survived an IED at Sarnal in Anantnag district of Srinagar on October 24. Explosion took place at the mourning prayers of the assassinated party leader and former minister, safdar Ali Beigh.

– Fazili, Ehsan. Omar, Farooq survive bomb attack: NC blames Mufti govt. *Tribune.* October 25, 2004: 1, 15.

– Editorial: A lucky escape : NC leaders can't be left to fend for themselves. *Tribune.* October 26, 2004: 10.

Abhyankar, R.M.

Mr. R.M. Abhyankar, was on March 6 appointed as India's Ambassador to Belgium. He was Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.

– Abhyankar is envoy to Belgium. *Sunday Tribune.* March 7, 2004: 2.

Acharya, Sarthi (Dr.) Prof.

Prof. Sarthi Acharya, a noted economist took over as the new Director of the Institute of Development Studies in Jaipur on July 31. He succeeded Prof. S.S. Acharya following his retirement. Prof. Acharya was Professor of economics in the Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

– New director for IDS. *Hindu.* August 1, 2004 : 7.

– Acharya takes over as IDS chief. *Hindu.* August 2, 2004:3.

Adlakha, Saroj (Dr.)

Dr. Saroj Adlakha, an NRI doctor based in U.K. is facing separate inquiries for arranging illegal late-term abortions for British women. She is being investigated by the Chief Medical Officer of her area as also the General Medical Council. She was filmed on video shot covertly by an undercover reporter of the'The Sunday Telegraph'.

– NRI doctor faces inquiry. *Tribune.* November 29, 2004: 9.

Advani, Ashok

Ashok Advani, publisher of the *Business India* group of magazines, was arrested by the Mumbai police on December 8, for his alleged role in the bankruptcy of Jai Hind Cooperative Bank in Mumbai. A prominent Mumbai-based construction magnate Niranjan Hiranandani had filed a complaint against Advani for allegedly embezzling funds from the bank.

– Briefly : Business India owner held. *Tribune.* December 9, 2004:1.

Following the rejection of Advani's bail plea by a Mumbai court, he was remanded to police custody till December 23 on December 9.

- *Business India* Publisher's bail plea rejected. *Tribune.* December 10, 2004 : 20.
- Ashok Advani remanded. *Hindu.* December 10, 2004 : 11.

Advani, L.K.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr L.K. Advani on January 18 welcomed the statement made by Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf in the joint session of the National Assembly appealing the people of his country to launch a 'jehad' against extremism. After inaugurating the 15th All India Forensic Science Conference at Karnal on January 18, Mr L.K. Advani, Deputy Prime Minister, in his address said joint efforts could be made by the two nations to root out extremism from the region. Referring to President Musharraf's statement in the joint session of the Natinoal Assembly, he said: "We welcome his call for jehad against jehadis".

- Advani welcomes Pervez's statement on terrorism. *Tribune.* January 19, 2004 : 1.

Deputy PM L.K. Advani on January 29 was chosen for the Outstanding Parliamentarian Award for 1999. The awards, instituted by the Indian Parliamentary Group headed by the Lok Sabha Speaker, were finalised on January 29. The award is given every year to a sitting member of Parliament. Previous awardees include Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, former Prime Minister Chandra Shekher, veteran CPI leader Indrajit Gupta, CPM leader Somnath Chatterjee and Congress leaders Pranab Mukherjee and S. Jaipal Reddy.

- Four chosen for Outstanding Parliamentarian Award. *Tribune.* January 30, 2004: 2.

Dy. PM Advani inaugurates country's first campus-based community frequency modulation (FM) radio at Anna University, in Chennai on Feb. 1. (*Hindu.* February 2, 2004)

Referring to his Bharat Uday Yatra starting from the southern tip of India on March 10 an editorial in *Tribune* writes: ...."This time as he gets ready to start his journey from Kanyakumari, it is considered a farce".

- Editorial : Advani's penchant : Hope it will not arouse fears. *Tribune.* March 6, 2004: 10.
- Advani to begin yatra today. *Tribune.* March 10, 2004: 20.

Deputy Prime Minister Mr. L.K. Advani has described the post-Godhra riots in Gujarat as a blot on the National Democratic Alliance, ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.

- Editorial : Admission of guilt : Gujarat riots a blot on the nation as well. *Tribune.* March 10, 2004: 10.

Deputy Prime Minister Mr. L.K. Advani on March 10 began his 'Bharat Uday Yatra' from Kanyakumari.

- Advani not to don PM's mantle: Begins 'Bharat Uday Yatra' from Kanyakumari. *Tribune.* March 11, 2004: 1, 2.
- Krishna Kumar, R. The Advani road show. *Frontline.* 21(7). April 9, 2004: 123-127.

Leader of the Opposition Mr. Lal Krishna Advani was on October 18, appointed as the president of the Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) following the resignation of M. Venkaiah Naidu.

- Vyas, Neena. Venkaiah Naidu quits; Advani is BJP chief. *Hindu.* October 19, 2004: 1.

Advani has been formally invited by the Foreign Minister of Pakistan to visit that country.

- In brief: Pakistan invites Advani. *Hindu.* October 19, 2004:1.

The Congress MP Kuldip Bishnoi has sought probe against BJP president L.K. Advani. In a statement released here on November 27, the Congress leader said: "The daughter-in-law of Advani has levelled serious allegations against him. For a fair probe into the charges, Advani should resign from both, the Lok Sabha and the party office." He further said: "The ethical responsibility of a leader of his stature calls for a fair inquiry into the charges.

- Advani should step down, says Congress MP. *Times of India.* November 29, 2004: 4.
- Advani's resignation demanded. *Tribune.* November 29, 2004: 7.

Advani, Pankaj

Panaj Advani on February 4 won the 28th Junior National snooker championship in Gwalior. He defeated Sourav Kothari 4-0 in a best-of-seven frame match.

- Patil, Kirti. Advani pockets junior snooker title too. *Hindu.* February 5, 2004: 19.

Aftab, M.S.

Mr. M.S. Aftab has joined Vijaya Bank as Executive Director. He was a general manager in the Punjab National Bank.

- In brief: Vijaya Bank ED. *Hindu.* November 18, 2004: 16.

Aga, Anu

Ms. Anu Aga, Chairperson Thermax Group was conferred the Electrolux - Financial Express Lifetime Achievement Award by the Union Finance Minister, Jaswant Singh in Mumbai on February 19.

– Jaswant tells entrepreneurs to venture out. *Hindu.* February 20, 2004: 15.

Agarwal, Amar (Dr.)

Dr. Amar Agarwal, eminent ophthalmologist and director of Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital, Jaipur has been selected for the prestigious Kelman Award at the International Hellenic Congress in Athens, Greece. The award has been given to him for his original research work on Phakonit, a technique in which cataract is removed through a 1-mm incision. Dr. Agarwal is the first Asian to receive this award.

– Kelman Award for eye surgeon. *Hindu.* November 11, 2004: 3.

Agarwal, S.P.

S.P. Agarwal Director General of Health Services is among 54 eminent persons who are to get the Dr. B.C. Roy National Awards on August 3. (*Hindu.* August 4, 2004)

Agashe, Mohan

Actor Mohan Agashe has won the prestigious Goethe Medal of the German government for his pioneering works in spreading the German youth theatre experiment in India. Agashe is the former director of the Film and Television Institute of India, Pune.

– Briefly : Goethe Medal for Agashe. *Tribune.* March 23, 2004: 2.

Aggarwal, Ashok

Mr Ashok Aggarwal, a senior advocate of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, will succeed Mr Suryakanta Sharma as the Advocate-General (AG) of Haryana. The official proposal for the appointment of Mr Aggarwal as the AG was cleared by Raj Bhavan on January 6. Official sources said that the notification appointing Mr Aggarwal as the AG would be issued after his predecessor was sworn in as a High Court Judge. Mr Aggarwal (51), hails from Kaithal and has studied law at Panjab University, Chandigarh. Mr Sharma described his stint as the Haryana AG as "extremely fulfilling". "I was lucky enough to get the support of a great team of professionals at the AG's office", he said.

– Ashok Aggarwal to be Haryana A-G. *Tribune.* January 7, 2004 : 7.

– Ashok Aggarwal appointed A-G. *Tribune.* Jan. 9, 2004: 7.

Agnivesh (Swami)

Social activist Swami Agnivesh and Madari Moideen have been honoured with the 12th Rajiv Gandhi National Award for their "outstanding humanitarian services to people". The announcement to this effect was made on July 2. The award carrying a citation and Rs. 1.25 lakh each will be presented at a function on August 20.

- Rajiv award for Agnivesh, Moideen. *Tribune.* July 23, 2004: 15.
- Award for Agnivesh, Moideen. *Hindu.* July 23, 2004: 13.

Agrawal, N.K. (Dr.)

Eminent surgeon Dr. N.K. Agrawal and his compounder were shot dead by unidentified gunmen at a private nursing home in Patna on November 12. The killing is believed to be a result of not paying the extortionists.

- Briefly: Bihar surgeon shot. *Sunday Tribune.* November 14, 2004: 2.

Bihar doctor, Dr. N.K. Agrawal, was killed on November 12 in his clinic along his assistant within 72 hours of the ransom demand made of him. Health services in Bihar were badly affected after the government and private doctors launched an indefinite strike since November 13. Dreaded criminal Bindu Singh, lodged in the Bhagalpur jail is alleged to be linked to Dr. Agrawal's killing.

- Bihar's health services badly hit. *Hindu.* November 15, 2004: 11.
- Editorial : Benighted state: criminals call the shots in Bihar. *Tribune.* November 20, 2004: 10.
- Editorial: Healing the healers. *Hindu.* November 22, 2004: 10.
- Bihar doctors working under shadow of fear. *Hindu.* November 22, 2004: 3.

Ahluwalia, Montek Singh

Former Finance Secretary, Oxford-educated economist, Montek Singh Ahluwalia was on June 16, appointed Deputy Chairperson of the Planning Commission. He succeeded Mr. K.C. Pant. He enjoys the rank of Cabinet Minister. A Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University and a graduate from Delhi's prestigious St Stephen's College, Mr Ahluwalia was a key member of the original thinktank, when Dr Manmohan Singh, in his earlier avaatar as Finance Minister, launched the structural reforms process in 1991. He is at present serving at the International Monetary Fund (IMF). He was the first Economic Affairs Secretary and later became the Finance Secretary between 1991 and 1996 and also served as Finance Secretary when P. Chidambaram was the Finance Minister in the erstwhile United Front (UF) Government.

- Montek is Planning Commission Deputy Chief. *Tribune.* June 17, 2004: 1, 20.

Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia's decision to include representatives of multilateral financing agencies like the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as well as multinational firms such as McKinsey and the Boston Consulting Group in various consultative groups constituted for the mid-term appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan (April 2002 to March 2007) has antagonised the left parties on whose support the present Congress Government is surviving. Besides it has even united the political opponents in Parliament, and given birth to a strong debate over the wisdom of this decision.

- Thakurta, Paranjoy Guha. Foreign experts-yes or no? Past experience should be the guide. *Tribune.* September 27, 2004: 10.

Ahuja, Sunil

Mr. Sunil Ahuja, a 1967 batch IAS, has been appointed as the 16th Chief Secretary of Haryana. He takes over his assignment on July 1. Ahuja has one year to retire.

- Gupta, Yoginder. Ahuja new Haryana Chief Secretary: Four DCs shifted. *Tribune.* July 1, 2004: 3.

Aiyar, Mani Shankar

Petroleum Minister Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar is facing strong protests from Shiv Sena and BJP, for his alleged ordering the removal of a plaque from the Cellular Jail in Andaman which contained the freedom fighter Veer Savarkar's quotes on it. Year 2004 being the election year in Maharashtra, the opposition BJP and Shiv Sena are making all efforts to make this an important election issue to catch votes. Shiv Sena supremo Bal Thackeray on Aug. 27 launched "jode maro" agitation against Aiyar.

- Aiyar unfazed by Shiv Sena's agitation. *Tribune.* August 30, 2004: 2.

Ajwani, P.K.

Former Central Excise Commissioner P.K. Ajwani, according to media reports, will undergo lie detector tests and interrogation under truth serum injections. He was caught with more than Rs.15 crore worth of unaccounted money. He is in CBI custody in Mumbai.

- Shiv Kumar. Truth test for former Excise Commissioner. *Tribune.* November 19, 2004: 2.

Akhtar, Javed

Noted Bollywood lyricist Javed Akhtar won three awards at the first Sangeet Awards ceremony held at the famous Royal Albert Hall in London on October 1. Akhtar won awards for best lyrics in the pop music category for 'O Sahiba', best lyrics category (critics award) and best lyrics in the film music category for the title song in block buster 'Kal Ho Naa Ho'.

– Javed Akhtar wins honours at Sangeet Awards. *Sunday Tribune.* October 3, 2004: 11.

Akkiraju Haragopal alias Ramakrishna

Akkiraju Haragopal alias Ramakrishna, state secretary of the People's War (PW) led the other neaxalite leaders who, emerged from the underground and walked out of the thick Nallamala forest near Srisailam (Andhra Pradesh) towards the historic peace talks with the Andhra Pradesh Government, suspending their two-decade-long war against the state.

– Sreenivasulu, D. PW leaders come overground for talks. *Hindu.* October 12, 2004: 1.

– Editorial : Advantage people's war. *Hindu.* October 22, 2004: 12.

Alok Kumar

Alok Kumar defeated Mr. B. Bhaskar (929-707) to secure his thind National billiards title in Gwalior on February 11.

– Patil, Kirti. Third National title for Alok Kumar. *Hindu.* February 12, 2004: 21

Alok Kumar wins his third senior National billiards championship in Gwalior on Feb 11. (*Hindu.* Feb 12, 2004)

Alok Kumar wins the senior National snooker championship in Gwalior on Feb 18. (*Hindu.* Feb 19, 2004)

Alok Kumar of India wins the Asian snooker championship in Aqaba on June 11. (*Hindu.* June 12, 2004)

Alvi, Rashid

Expelled BSP leader, Rashid Alvi, joined the Congress party on April 11, giving a major boost to it in Uttar Pradesh ahead of Lok Sabha polls. Alvi was a member of the dissolved Lok Sabha, from Amroha in UP.

– Ex-BSP leader joins Congress. *Tribune.* April 12, 2004: 20.

Amalamary (Ms.)

Middle-aged and poverty-stricken Ms. Amalamary has won the Kalpana Chawla Award for Bravery, instituted by the Tamil Nadu Government. She got the award for saving the lives of 500 train passengers. The award carries a medal and cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh. Amalamary hails from the Thengankudi village of Kanniyakumari district.

– Briefly : Kalpana Chawla Award for villager. *Tribune.* August 16, 2004: 2.

Amarinder Singh, Capt.

A Chandigarh court framed charges against Punjab Chief Minister Capt. Amarinder Singh on October 9 in a defamation case filed by the General Secretary of Shiromani Akali Dal, Mr. Sukhbir Badal. According to the media reports, the charges were framed under section 500 of the IPC. The Judge granted bail to Captain Singh.

– Sharma, Pradeep. Charges framed against CM: gets bail in defamation suit filed by Sukhbir Badal. *Sunday Tribune.* October 10, 2004: 1, 24.

Punjab & Haryana HC on Nov 3 dismissed a petition of Mr Harkirat Singh seeking setting aside the election of Capt Singh from the Patiala Assembly constituency.

– Punjab CM's election upheld. *Tribune.* November 4, 2004:3.

Guru Nanak Dev University honoured East and West Punjab chief ministers, Amarinder Singh and Ch. Pervez Elahi respectively with Doctor of Literature (D. Litt) *honouris causa* degrees at its special convocation held in Amritsar on December 2, 2004.

– CMs get D Litt. *Times of India.* December 3, 2004: 2.

– CMs of two Punjabs get honorary degree. *Tribune.* December 3, 2004 : 5.

Punjab Chief Minister Capt. Amarinder Singh's son Raninder Singh has been absolved of the charges of alleged money laundering by Justice B.S. Nehra Commission. The Punjab Council of Ministers has accepted the report by the Commission and has decided to lay it in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha.

– Punjab Cabinet accepts Nehra Commission report. *Hindu.* December 25, 2004: 5.

Ambani, Anil

Vice-Chairman and Managing Director of the Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL), Mr. Anil Ambani was on April 27 appointed as the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Indian Petrochemicals Ltd (IPCL) by its Board of Directors.

– Briefly : Anil Ambani. *Tribune.* April 28, 2004: 17.

Rajya Sabha member and industrialist Mr. Anil Ambani has voluntarily disclosed his interests in various organisations in which he is either a Director, Shareholder or draws remuneration from, in a letter to the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Bhairon Singh Shekhawat.

- Anil Ambani discloses business interests. *Hindu.* July 27, 2004: 14.

Anil Ambani queers pitch in Reliance empire tussle by questioning elder brother Mukesh's claims on ownership issue on Dec 8. (*Hindu.* Dec 9, 2004)

Anil Ambani the Vice-Chairman and Managing Director of Reliance Industries and Mr. K.V. Kamath, the MD and CEO of ICICI have been named Icons of the year by the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad.

- Ambani, Anil, Kamath named ISB Icons. *Hindu.* December 11, 2004: 17.

Anil Ambani has been adjudged as the 'CEO of the year' at the Platts Global Energy Awards for 2004 in recognition of "his courage, dedication, ethics, and the ability to bring about a real change for the better in the company, in the industry as a whole, and in the lives of the employees".

- Anil Ambani adjudged 'CEO of the year' *Hindu.* December 12, 2004: 13.

Ambani, Mukesh

Chairman of the Reliance Infocomm Mr. Mukesh Ambani has been adjudged the "most influential person in telecommunication in 2004" at the World Communication Awards organized by the London based Emap Communication Group on October 11.

- Ambani most influential person in telecom; Airtel best brand. *Tribune.* October 13, 2004: 15.

Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani on November 17 admitted to a television channel that he had "ownership issues" with his brother Anil on CNBC-TV18. Just a day after, Reliance Shares took a plunge and the scrip ended 3.37 per cent lower at Rs. 527.15. It dragged down the BSE's sensex by 1.06 percent to 5,961.71 points.

- Shiv Kumar. Ambani rift drags down Sensex. *Tribune.* November 20, 2004: 17.

Mukesh Ambani, Group Chairman and Managing Director, Reliance Industries Ltd, in an e-mail message to all employees of the group said that he was "the final authority" on all matters concerning the company. "There is no ambiguity in his (late father Dhirubhai Ambani's) legacy that C and MD is the final authority on all matters concerning Reliance," the e- mail message said. Reliance employees have been forwarding this message to the media as well. "Our founder-Chairman late Dhirubhai Ambani had taken all necessary steps to separate ownership from management and had settled all issues during his lifetimes," Mukesh has been quoted as saying. Despite reports by a news agency, his brother Anil Ambani is yet to react to Mukesh's statements to the media.

– Mukesh Ambani says he is final authority in RIL. *Tribune.* November 24, 2004 : 1.

– Thakurta, Paranjoy Guha. Corporate India: A tale of divided families. *Tribune.* December 4, 2004: 10.

Mukesh Ambani on December 3, called on the Congress president Sonia Gandhi at her 10 Janpath residence in New Delhi which the party sources described as a "courtesy call".

– Mukesh Ambani meets Sonia. *Hindu.* December 5, 2004: 1, 8.

– Katyal, Anita. Mukesh Ambani meets Sonia. *Sunday Tribune.* December 5, 2004: 1.

Mukesh Ambani goes on the offensive against brother Anil by giving up Rs. 50-crore shares acquired as sweat equity from Reliance Infocomm (RIC) on Dec 23. (*Hindu.* Dec 24, 2004)

Amrita Pritam

Amrita Pritam was honoured with Padma Vibhushan on June 30. (*Hindu.* July 1, 2004)

Punjabi writer Amrita Pritam gets Padma Vibhushan award on January 26, 2004 during Republic Day celebrations.

– Amrita Pritam to get Padma Vibhushan. *Tribune.* January 25, 2004 : 1.

Acclaimed Punjabi writer Amrita Pritam has been elected fellow of the Sahitya Akademi. The honour shall be conferred by the Prime Minister on November 1, at the inaugural of the Golden Jubilee celebration. Punjabi writer Amrita Pritam has over 70 works to her credit, including poetry collections 'Thandian Kirna' (1935) and 'Kagaz te Kanvas' (1970) and novels 'Pinjar' (1950), 'Na Radha Na Rukmani' (1984) and 'Khabarnama' (1994). The 85-year-old writer, who lives in Delhi, is also a former Rajya Sabha member. Her book on the Partition was recently adapted for the screenplay of the movie Pinjar, showcasing the plight of women during the turbulent times.

– Amrita elected to Sahitya Akademi. *Tribune.* Oct. 5, 2004: 2.

Amrita Pritam, the 85-year-old litterateur extraordinary has been elected fellow of Sahitya Akademi. Editorial in the *Tribune* writes that this ultimate recognition comes to Amrita Pritam at a time when it does not mean much to her as she has been bedridden for the past two years.

– Editorial: Honour for Amrita: Nation should have thought of it earlier. *Tribune*. October 6, 2004: 10.

Amrutiya, Kantilal

Sitting BJP MLA of Gujarat, Kantilal Amrutiya, was on August 23, in Ahmedabad sentenced to life imprisonment along with six others, for the murder of a former city Mayor at Morbi at Rajkot district in 1999. Fast-Track Judge A.D. Mogal in Godal in Rajkot district, while sentencing Amrutiya and others, acquitted one person in the murder of Prakash Raveshia on Sept 16, 1999.

– BJP MLA gets life term. *Tribune*. August 23 : 1.

Mr. Kantilal Amrutiya, a sitting BJP MLA in Gujarat was sentenced to life imprisonment on August 23 along with six others for the murder of a former Rajkot Mayor, Prakash Raveshia on Sept 16, 1999.

– Briefly : BJP MLA gets life term. *Tribune*. August 24, 2004: 1.

Amte, Baba

Well-known social worker, Baba Amte has been chosen for the fourth Paulose Mar Gregorios Award for his outstanding contributions to social renewal. Instituted by the Sophia Society, the prestigious award carries Rs 2 lakh in cash, a medal and a citation.

– Briefly : Baba Amte to get award. *Tribune*. December 6, 2004 : 2.

Anand, Chetan

Chetan Anand and Aparna Popat emerge triumphant in the National singles badminton championship in Hyderabad on Jan 22. (*Hindu*. Jan 23, 2004)

Anand, Mulk Raj

Eminent litterateur and doyen of Indian writing in English Mulk Raj Anand (99) passed away in Pune on September 28. Born on December 12, 1905 in Peshawar, Anand completed his graduation with honours in 1924 from Punjab University, Lahore. He had his higher education at the University of London and Cambridge. Anand was Tagore Professor of Literature and Fine Arts at Punjab University and a visiting professor at the Institute of Advanced Studies in Shimla. He was also the fine art Chairman of Lalit Kala Akademi.

– Mulk Raj Anand dead : Funeral to take place in Mumbai. *Tribune*. September 29, 2004: 1, 10, 11.

The mortal remains of celebrated writer Mulk Raj Anand, who died on September 28, were consigned to flames with full state honours in Pune on

September 30. His 94-year-old wife Shirin Vajifdar, a large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral. Pune District Collector Prabhakar Deshkmukh, Shailesh Bijor from the Protocol, film maker Syed Mirza and representatives from Maharashtra Sahitya Sadan also attended the funeral. Ninetynine-year-old Mulk Raj Anand died on September 28 morning of pneumonia and old age related ailments.

– Mulk Raj Anand cremated. *Tribune.* October 1, 2004: 20.

– Nayar, Mandira. Captured on tape for eternity. *Hindu.* October 1,2004:3.

Anand, Vijay

Noted Bollywood actor and director Vijay Anand (71) passed away in Mumbai on February 23. He had suffered heart attack. Vijay was the youngest of the four Anand brothers. He directed the bollywood classic "Guide". Vijay began his career with film "Nau Do Gyarah" and went on to direct films like "Kala Bazaar," "Tere Ghar Ke Samne," "Teesri Manzil," "Jewel Thief," Kahin Aur Chal," "Johny Mera Naam," "Tere Mere Sapne," "Chuppa Rustam," "Black Mail," "Bullet," "Ram Balaram," "Rajpur," Sharif Badmash. His last film was "Jana Na Dil Se Door" that is yet to be released.

– Digest: Vijay Anand passes away. *Hindu.* February 24, 2004: 1, 12.

Anand, Viswanathan

Defending champion Viswananthn Anand was brilliance personified as he crashed through the defences of overnight leader Vladimir Akopian of Armenia to emerge as joint leader along with Grandmaster Peter Leko of Hungary in the category-19 Corus Chess tournament.

– Anand, Leko in joint lead. *Tribune.* January 13, 2004: 17.

Defending champion Viswanathan Anand scored his third victory on the trot with a crushing win against Grandmaster Evgency Bareev of Russia in the eighth round of Corus Chess tournament. The 49-move win ensured Anand a slender half point lead over nearest rival Michael Adams of England who triumphed over top seed Vladimir Kramnik of Russia.

– Anand wins, remains in lead. *Tribune.* January 21, 2004: 19.

Defending champion and World No 3 Viswanathan Anand demolished veteran Dutch Jan Timman to steer clear of his rivals by a full point after eleven rounds at the Corus Grandmasters title at Wijk Aan Zee.

– Anand trounces Timman. *Tribune.* January 25, 2004 : 23.

Viswanathan Anand regains the Dortmund Sparkassen Chess Meeting on Aug 1. (*Hindu.* Aug 2, 2004)

Anand wins the Chess Classic at Mainz on Aug 8. (*Hindu.* Aug 9, 2004)

Viswanathan Anand signed off a year of fine achievements in a fitting manner by winning the Paul Keres Memorial rapid chess tournament with an all-win record. In the six-player field, Anand won the fifth and final round robin league match against Russian GM Alexander Khalifman. Earlier in the day, Anand won with black pieces against Meelis Kanep and Eric Lobron.

– Viswanathan Anand signs off in style. *Hindu.* November 29, 2004: 18.

Ananth Kumar

Keeping an eye on the coming polls, the Congress in the Karnataka state has launched a campaign against Mr Ananth Kumar for writing off a sum of Rs 550 crore as HUDCO loans to help certain private players. The Congress is all set to make this an election issue with chief minister S.M. Krishna leading the attack against the BJP state president in Karnataka.

– Congress trains guns on Ananth Kumar. *Tribune.* February 3, 2004 : 2.

Ananth Murthy, U.R. (Prof.)

Acclaimed Kannada writer, Prof. U.R. Anantha Murthy has been elected fellow of the Sahitya Akademi. The honour shall be conferred by the PM on Nov 1, at the inaugural of the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Akademy. Kannada writer Anantha Murthy, made his debut into the literary scene nearly four decades ago with his first novel 'Samskara', and has published more than 25 works, including novels, poems, short stories and essays. The 71-year-old writer, who taught English at Mysore University, had been the Vice-Chancelor of Mahatama Gandhi University, Kerala.

– Amrita elected to Sahitya Akademi. *Tribune.* October 5, 2004: 2.

Anantharaman, G.

Mr. G. Anantharaman, former chief commissioner of income tax, Mumbai and senior banker Mr. Madhukar have been appointed as whole time members of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved their names. Anantharaman was an active member in the Kania committee that laid down the roadmap for demutualisation and corporatisation of bourses.

– Two new Sebi members appointed. *Tribune.* December 15, 2004: 17.

Anoushka Shankar

Anoushka Shankar, the Indian musician who helped preserve Indian classical music has been chosen as *Time's* 20 Asian heroes under the age of 40. She is the daughter of great sitarist Pandit Ravi Shankar and half-sister of Norah Jones.

- *Tribune*. November 11, 2004: 9.

Ansari, Abbas (Moulvi)

Moulvi Abbas Ansari, Chief of the separatist Hurriyat Conference, stepped down from the post of chairman of the conglomeration in Srinagar on July 7. Ansari asked Mirwaiz Umar Farooq to resume unity efforts.

- Hurriyat chief Ansari steps down. *Tribune*. July 8, 2004: 1, 20.

Mohd. Abbas Ansari, Chairman of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference, on July 7 stepped down and appointed Mirwaiz Moulvi Umar Farooq, as the interim Chairman.

- Ansari wants Mirwaiz to resume unity efforts. *Hindu*. July 8, 2004: 11.
- Editorial : Need for unity : Let the Hurriyat speak in one voice. *Tribune*. July 12, 2004: 10.

Ansari, Hafiz Hussain

Hafiz Hussain Ansari, the leader of Opposition in Jharkhand Assembly and JMM MLA, surrendered in the court in Madhupur near Ranchi on August 7. He was remanded to judicial custody. The case dates back to 1990 when a group of angry party activists gheraoed the Madhupur police station and demonstrated in front of it.

- JMM legislator surrenders; remanded. *Sunday Tribune*. August 8, 2004 : 2.

Antaryami

Three Indian nationals, Sukhdev Singh, Tilak Raj and Antaryami were among the seven truck drivers who were held capitve on July 21 in Iraq by a group calling itself 'Black Flags'. They were working for a Kuwaiti firm, KGL Transport Company. The terrorist organization 'Black Flags' has threatened to execute one hostage every 72 hours if their Kuwaiti employer does not leave the country.

- India steps up efforts for release of hostages. *Tribune*. July 23, 2004: 1, 15.

The three Indians in Iraq were released on September 1, after 42 days of their incarceration. They were brought from Baghdad to Kuwait by a special plane. The release comes a day after the brutal killing of 12 Nepali hostages in Iraq.

- Sharma, Rajeev. Indian hostages released : Taken to Kuwait. *Tribune*. September 2, 2004: 1, 20.
- Editorial : Freedom at last: The hostages will see home. *Tribune*. September 2, 2004: 10.

Antony, A.K.

Kerala Chief Minister, Mr. A.K. Antony tendered his resignation on August 29. Antony said he quit in the wake of the Congress drubbing in the State in the Lok Sabha elections in May 2004.

- Briefly : Kerala CM Antony resigns. *Tribune.* August 30, 2004: 1.
- Editorial : Mark of Antony : Quitting to fight another day. *Tribune.* August 31, 2004 : 10.

The Congress on Nov 23 rehabilitated former Kerala Chief Minister A.K. Antony, who had stepped down owning moral responsibility for the party's debacle in the Lok Sabha polls. In a minor reallocation of work announced on November 23, Mr Antony was given the charge of the State of Karnataka. He replaces Mr Vilasrao Deshmukh, who has been appointed as Maharashtra Chief Minister.

- Congress rehabilitates Antony. *Tribune.* November 24, 2004: 20.

Apang, Gegong

Mr. Gegong Apang, the caretaker Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, his cabinet colleagues and party workers crossed over from the BJP to rejoin the Congress on August 28. Media reports say that Apang's re-entry into Congress on the eve of the upcoming elections of Assembly is a shot in the arm for the party as it is a blow to the BJP. Mr. Apang is among the longest serving chief ministers in the country and it was exactly a year ago when he had joined the BJP after dislodging the Congress government under highly controversial circumstances.

- Arunachal CM joins Cong. with Cabinet. *Sunday Tribune.* August 29, 2004: 1, 24.
- Editorial : Apang's 'home-coming': Politics of opportunism in Arunachal. *Tribune.* August 31, 2004: 10.

Gegong Apang is sworn in the 10th Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh for a record seventh time on Oct. 16. (*Hindu.* Oct. 17, 2004)

Apparao, Y.N.

Mr. Y.N. Apparao, Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of the Sutlej Jal Vidyut Nigam, has been conferred the Eminent Engineer award for 2004 by the Institution of Engineers. A civil engineer, Mr. Apparao has 35 years of experience in the hydel sector. He has remained associated with 15 hydroelectric projects within and outside the country.

- Apparao gets Eminent Engineers award. *Tribune.* October 26, 2004 : 12.

Arif (Mohd.)

Sapper Mohd. Arif and Lance Naik Jagsir Singh, both prisoners of war (PoW) were repatriated from Pakistan on Ag August 9. They had inadvertently strayed into Pakistan during the Kargil operations. They were held in captivity in Pakistan for five years. Unable to find their whereabouts. Indian Army had declared them deserters.

– Walia, Varinder. Kargil PoWs return. *Tribune.* August 10, 2004: 1, 20.

– Lalit Mohan. Were Jagsir, Arif declared deserters in haste? *Tribune.* August 10, 2004 : 5.

Arora, Punita (Lt.-Gen)

Ms. Punita Arora becomes Indian Army's first woman Lieutenant-General as she takes over as the Commandant of the Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC) in Pune on September 1. General (Ms.) Arora graduated from the AFMC and joined the Army Medical Corps in 1968. She did her post graduation in Gynaecology and Obst. from AFMC and was awarded gold medal for securing the first position in Pune University. In her late 50s, General (Ms) Arora has had many achievements to her credit and has been awarded with more than 15 medals, including a Sena Medal and a Vishist Seva Medal, in her 36-year-long career with the Army.

– Army's first woman Lt-Gen to take charge today. *Tribune.* September 1, 2004: 2.

Arora, Samir

Mr. Samir Arora, former Fund Manager of Alliance Capital Asset Management (India) was on October 15 exonerated of all charges of conflict of interest, market manipulation and insider trading by the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT), while dismissing the plea of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for granting a six-week stay.

– Samir Arora cleared of all charges. *Hindu.* October 16, 2004: 16.

Arun Prakash (Admiral)

Admiral Arun Prakash on July 31 took over as the 20th Chief of the Naval Staff. He succeeds Admiral Madhvendra Singh. Admiral Prakash has the distinction of being a naval fighter pilot donning the IAF uniform in 1971 war to win the Vir Chakra. Taking over the reins of the Navy, Admiral Prakash said that the defence deals needed speeding up and expressed concern over the dwindling force levels in the Navy which faced the equipment and manpower shortage. He also pressed for the acquisition of nuclear submarines.

– India needs N-submarines, says new Navy Chief. *Tribune.* August 1, 2004: 24.

– In brief : New Navy chief. *Hindu.* August 1, 2004: 1, 9.

Arun Prasad, S.

S. Arun Prasad of Tamil Nadu and N. Vinuthna of Andhra Prade4sh, on February 16 amerged champions in the boys and girls' sections respectively in the National junior chess championship (under-18 years) in Hyderabad.

– Chess : Titles for Arun, Vinuthna. *Hindu.* February 17, 2004 : 19.

Arunachlam, M.

M. Arunachalam (61), veteran Congress leader and former Union Minister passed away after a massive heart attack in Chennai on January 21. (*Hindu.* Jan. 22, 2004)

Arunachlam, V. alias Aladi Aruna

Former Law Minister V. Arunachalam alias Aladi Aruna (70) was murdered during a morning walk near Alangulam in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu on December 31.

– Sudhakar, P. Aladi Aruna murdered. *Hindu.* January 1, 2005: 7.

– Former Union Minister murdered in TN. *Tribune.* January 1, 2005: 16.

The former Tamil Nadu Law Minister, Aladi Aruna, is murdered by a three-member gang in Alangulam, Tirunelveli district on Dec 31. (*Hindu.* January 1, 2005)

Asif, Quri Mohammed

The Army kills the head of the Pakistan based Jaish-e-Mohammad, Quri Mohammed Asif,, in an encounter in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir on April 8. (*Hindu.* April 9, 2004)

Asokan, K.

A Chennai fast track court of judge Mr. K. Asokan created the country's judicial history on December 16 by delivering the fastest verdict when it sentenced four men to seven years' imprisonment for killing a man in a drunken brawl just 44 days ago.

– Fastest court verdict! *Tribune.* December 17, 2004 : 2.

... "The fast track court judge, Mr. K. Asokan deserves to be commended for expediting the trial and giving his ruling in just 44 days."

– Editorial: Justice in 44 days! Time to emulate the Chennai court. *Tribune.* December 18, 2004: 10.

Asthana, Kameshwar Prasad

Veteran freedom fighter Kameshwar Prasad Asthana (84) passed away in Jaunpur on March 6. Asthana actively participated and was also jailed during the 1942 Quit India movement.

– Freedom fighter dies at 84. *Sunday Tribune.* March 7, 2004: 2.

Atwal, Arjun

Indian golfer Arjun Atwal 30, has been named Asian player of the year for 2003 following a successful season capped by winning the Order of Merit title. Atwal received the accolade voted by fellow professionals on the tour, at a gala dinner in Bangkok on January 31.

– Crowning glory for Atwal. *Hindu.* February 2, 2004: 19.

Atwal, Charanjit Singh

Charanjit Singh Atwal, is elected Lok Sabha Deputy Speaker on June 9. (*Hindu.* June 10, 2004)

Aulakh, B.S. (Dr.)

Dr. B.S. Aulakh, drug reseacher from Ludhiana (Punjab) has secured the patent for his drug that produces female offspring of mammals. The drug has been patented by the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), Geneva, Switzerland. The WIPO has published this vide world patent publication No. WO 02/47574 A1.

– Thind, Amarjit. Drug that produces female offspring of mammals patented. *Tribune.* December 9, 2004: 8.

Aulakh, K.S. (Dr.)

Punjab Agricultural University Vice-Chancellor K.S. Aulakh has been nominated to the two prestigious bodies of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research — ICAR Society as also its governing body. The nomination, effective from September 16, has been made by the Union Minister for Agriculture, Mr Sharad Pawar, who is also the president of ICAR Society.

– K.S. Aulakh nominated to 2 ICAR bodies. *Tribune.* October 2, 2004: 5.

Dr. K.S. Aulukh the Vice-Chancellor of the Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) finds himself in a difficult situation as a Bench of the Punjab and Haryana High Court on November 9 issued notice of contempt to him and the University Registrar on a petition filed by Dr. Prabhjit Singh, Assistant Professor whose services had been terminated.

– Contempt notice issued to PAU VC, Registrar. *Tribune.* November 10, 2004: 3.

Avtar Singh (Lt-Gen.)

Lt.-Gen. Avtar Singh took over as Director-General of the Defence Intelligence Agency as also the Deputy Chief of the Integrated Defence Staff Intelligence on March 22. Lt.-Gen Singh earlier commanded an operational corps in the Eastern Sector. He also commanded an elite Infantry Division in the Western Sector during Operation Vijay.

– Lt-Gen Avtar Singh is DIA Chief. *Tribune.* March 23, 2004: 2.

Awasthi, Suresh

Sangeet Natak Akademi and its associate bodies on May 26 mourned the demise of Suresh Awasthi, veteran promoter and author in the field of traditional theaters of India. Suresh Awasthi had been Secretary of Sangeet Natak Akademi between the mid-1970s and mid-1980s and a winner of the Akademi's Award for his contribution to the performing arts. He was also Chairman of the National School of Drama, Delhi in the 1980s. In Delhi and elsewhere, his early work introduced the lay public to a range of theatre unfamiliar in urban locations. Born in 1918 at Rawatpur in Uttar Pradesh, Suresh Awasthi obtained his Ph.D. from Lucknow University. Having researched in the Nautanki theatre of the region, he joined Sangeet Natak Akademi as its Secretary in November 1965, serving in that capacity up to August 1974. He was Chairman of the National School of Drama from 1986 to 1988. In his long career, Suresh Awasthi lectured widely on the traditional theatres of India in universities and other settings in the US, Canada, Japan, Sri Lanka and China besides India. He was a distinguished author in Hindi and English, with many publications to his credit.

– *Hindu.* May 27: 4.

Azad, Jagannath (Prof.)

Noted Urdu poet Jagannath Azad (85) passed away in New Delhi on July 24 at Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Hospital in New Delhi, according to media reports. Azad wrote Pakistan's first national anthem. He was professor Emeritus at Jammu University. Prof. Azad was an expert on Allama Iqbal and had authored 87 books during his illustrious career.

– Urdu poet's death mourned. *Hindu.* July 27, 2004: 3.

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Babu Parmanand

A controversy erupted after Haryana Governor Babu Parmanand's reported statement before a gathering of Dalits in Rewari on April 14 seeking support for Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee as he had brought peace. He also lashed out at the ruling Chautala-led INLD Government in Haryana and the Congress. Union Home Ministry on April 28 sent its report to the President regarding this.

- Ministry sends report on Parmanand's speech. *Tribune.* April 29, 2004:1.
- Editorial : Governor's conduct : Babu Parmanand's remarks were avoidable. *Tribune.* April 16, 2004: 10.

Babu Parmanand is dismissed by Centre as the Governor of Haryana on July 2. (*Hindu.* July 3, 2004)

Bachan Singh

The heart rending story of an 89-year old taxi driver, Bachan Singh who was abandoned by his own four grown-up sons, and has been living in an old Ambassador car, parked by the roadside in Sector 27 for the past four-and-a-half years appeared in the *Tribune*, dated July 12 prompted many philanthropists to come with offers of assistance.

- Prasher, A.S. Abandoned by sons, he has made car his home. *Tribune.* July 12, 2004: 3.
- Letters to the Editor: When sons leave their old father in the lurch. *Tribune.* July 17, 2004: 10.

Bachchan, Amitabh

After endorsing everything from chocolates to cars, the seemingly evergreen Bollywood film star, Amitabh Bachchan, will now be a brand ambassador for the public broadcaster, Doordarshan. The Prasar Bharati Board accepted a proposal that will have him promote Doordarshan to pay off dues owed by his company, Amitabh Bachchan Corporation Limited (ABCL). He will do 10 campaigns over the next few months.

According to Prasar Bharati, ABCL initially owed it Rs. 32 crores for placements on Doordarshan in the 1990s. The company settled the principal amount of Rs. 20 crores in 2001 and the interest it owed was frozen at Rs. 12.52 crores.

– *Hindu*. May 27: 22.

Relationship of Bachchans and Nehru-Gandhi families came under media scrutiny for a considerable period during 2004.

– Amitabh Bachchan "deeply hurt" by media reports. *Hindu.* October 16, 2004: 5.

Bachchan, Jaya

Rajya Sabha MP, Jaya Bachchan, on December 2 chose her maiden speech to attack the government for trying to censor Jaiprakash Narayan's role in the Emergency. A film on the late leader is to be aired on Doordarshan on December 4. "If Doordarshan goes ahead with such cuts, it will amount to attack on individual's right to freedom of creativity," the Samajwadi Party member said, adding, the government could not sweep the truth under carpet. "It is a reality that lot of political leaders were imprisoned during the Emergency and it will be sad for democracy and artistes if attempts are made to kill the truth."

– Jaya Bachchan attacks govt over film on JP. *Times of India.* December 3, 2004: 6.

Badal, Sukhbir

Mr. Sukhbir Badal, General Secretary of Shiromani Akali Dal and son of former Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal claims to own movable and immovable property worth over Rs. 20.79 crore in a 15-page affidavit filed before the Faridkot District Returning Officer in Faridkot on April 21 while filing his nomination papers. Badal family is facing charges of owning assets worth over Rs. 4000 crore levelled by the Congress Government.

– Vasdev, Kanchan, Sukhbir owns assets worth 20.79 crore. *Tribune.* April 22, 2004: 12.

Badhwar, Inderjit

Journalist-turned-author Inderjit Badhwar has won the prestigious French literary award Le Prix Litteraire for his debut novel 'La Chambre Des Parfums' (The Chamber of Perfumes). The novel was selected for the best foreign debut novel of 2004 by a jury comprising France's leading writers, intellectuals and film-makers in Paris. Previous winners of the award include India-born Salman Rushdie for his novel 'Shame' and London-based poet and author Lavinia Greenlaw.

– Badhwar wins French award for debut novel. *Tribune.* November 18, 2004: 1.

Badrinath, S.S. (Dr.)

Dr. S.S. Badrinath, a pioneer in Vitro Retinal Surgery in India and Prof. Asis Datta, an expert in the field of molecular biology at Bombay Hospital, Mumbai were conferred Rameshwardas Birla National Awards in Mumbai on April 11, 2004.

– Rameshwardas Birla Awards. *Tribune.* April 12, 2004: 2.

Bagga, D.S.

Former U.P. Chief Secretary Mr D.S. Bagga former Environment Secretary V.K. Gupta and former Principal Secretary to the U.P. Chief Minister, Mr. P.L. Punia are the three senior officers accused in the Rs.175 crore Taj Heritage Corridor scam. They have been exonerated in a departmental inquiry and reinstated while the CBI probe was yet to complete. Supreme Court on April 16 summoned the U.P. Chief Secretary to seek an explanation.

– SC summons UP Chief Secy: Reinstatement of 3 officials in Taj corridor case. *Tribune.* April 17, 2004: 2.

"The court has rightly taken a serious view of the reinstatement of the senior bureaucrats — former Chief Secretary D.S. Bagga, former Principal Secretary to the then Chief Minister P.L. Punia and ex-Environment Secretary V.K. Gupta — who had been suspended for their role in the Rs.175 crore scam when Ms. Mayawati was UP's Chief Minister."

– Editorial : Taj corridor case : SC chastises UP government. *Tribune.* April 22, 2004: 10.

– New Bench to hear Taj corridor case. *Tribune.* April 29, 2004: 20.

The Uttar Pradesh Government on October 23, recommended the withholding of the retirement benefits of Mr. D.S. Bagga (IAS), the former Chief Secretay of the State for his alleged role in the Rs. 175 crore Taj Heritage corridor scam.

– UP Govt. for sack of IAS officer in Taj corridor case. *Sunday Tribune.* October 24, 2004: 1.

Bahia, A.S. (Lieut-Gen)

Lieut-Gen. A.S. Bahia will take over as the Director-General Military Operations (DGMO) at Army Headquarters. Commissioned into the Kumaon Regiment in 1967, he has commanded a Rashtriya Rifles sector and an Infantry Division in Jammu and Kashmir. He has also served with the Indian military training team in Bhutan, in addition to instructional stints at the College of Combat, Infantry School, as DSSC. He is also Colonel of the Kumaon Regiment.

– Training Command gets new GOC-in-C. *Tribune*. Mach 1, 2004: 3.

Baig, Roshan

Faced with allegations of being linked to the multi-crore fake stamp paper scam, Karnataka Minister for Small Industries, Roshan Baig has resigned from the S.M. Krishna Ministry, official sources said on January 4. Mr Baig's resignation comes close on the heels of the surrender of his brother Rehan Baig before the Special Investigation Team of Karnataka, which had been on the look out for him for his alleged involvement in the scandal. The minister was under mounting pressure from the Opposition, particularly the BJP, which had been targetting him and had on January 3 demanded that he should be dropped from the ministry "within 24 hours".

– Karnataka minister quits over Telgi issue. *Tribune*. January 5, 2004 : 2.

Baijal, Anil

Mr Anil Baijal, presently Vice-Chairman of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), was today formally named as the new Union Home Secretary. He will succeed Mr N. Gopalaswami, who will take over as the Election Commissioner on February 7. The appointment of Mr Baijal, an IAS officer of 1969 batch of the AGMU cadre, was cleared by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

– Baijal is Union Home Secretary. *Tribune*. January 31, 2004: 2.

Mr. Anil Baijal, an IAS officer of the 1969 batch took over as the Union Home Secretary on February 8 succeeding Mr. N. Gopalaswami, Mr. Baijal was the vice-Chairman of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA). During his over three-decade long career, he had held several important posts in various Ministries and public sector undertakings. He was also the Chairman and Managing Director of Indian Airlines, CEO of Prasar Bharati and Chief Secretary, Adndaman and Nicobar.

– New Home Secretary takes charge. *Hindu*. February 9, 2004; 11.

Bains, M.S., Col.

Ms Harpeet Kaur, Judicial Magistrate (First Class), on November 23 remanded Col M.S. Bains and his son Vikram in judicial custody. Both are accused of torturing Ms Beant Kaur, widow of Air Vice-Marshal Harjinder Singh and her sister Satwant Kaur. It may be recalled that the two sisters had recently alleged that their nephew, Colonel Bains, his wife Madhu Bains and his son Vikram had been "torturing" them for several years and eyeing their palatial house in Sector 3 and other properties.

– Bains remanded in judicial custoday. *Tribune*. November 24, 2004 : 1.

Bais, Ramesh

Ramesh Bais becomes Minister of State for Environment and Forests on Jan. 8 in the Union Government. (*Hindu.* Jan. 9, 2004)

Bajaj, Avnish

Avnish Bajaj, the Chairman and CEO of the on-line auction site Baazee. com was arrested by Delhi police on December 17 in connection with the circulation of leed MMS depicting two students of Delhi Public School R.K. Puram (Delhi) in a sexual act.

- Briefly : Baazee.com chief held. *Tribune.* December 18, 2004: 1.
- Remand for Baazee CEO; warrant out for boy. *Hindu.*December 19, 2004: 1, 3.
- Editorial: Ulti Baazee : A lesson for those who run auction sites. *Tribune.* December 22, 2004: 10.

Delhi High Court on December 21 granted bail to Baazee.com CEO and US citizen Avnish Bajaj but asked him to surrender his passport and not leave the country without permission of the trial court.

- Baazee.com CEO granted bail. *Tribune.* December 22, 2004: 1, 14.

Bajwa, Partap Singh

Mr Partap Singh Bajwa, who as a Cultural Affairs Minister, had played a pivotal role in organising the two-day cultural carnival in which a large number of leading Pakistani folk singers and other artistes also participated, was totally ignored at the time of honouring of eminent Punjabis at the function. Instead of Mr Bajwa, Jalandhar-based Local Bodies Minister Choudhary Jagjit Singh was given prominence and requested to perform the ceremony to honour eminent Punjabis with mementos and traditional phulkaris.

- Bajwa feels slighted. *Tribune.* November 24, 2004: 6.

Bakht, Sikander

The Governor of Kerala and veteran BJP leader Mr. Sikandar Bakht was buried in New Delhi with full State honours on February 24.

- President, PM mourn Sikander Bakht. *Hindu.* February 25, 2004 : 11.

Prime Minister Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee on March 13 paid rich tributes to the former Kerala Governor Sikander Bakht who passed away recently.

- PM remembers Bakht as true nationalist Muslim. *Sunday Tribune.* March 14, 2004: 2.

Kerala Governor, Sikandar Bakht passed awya in Thiruvananthapuram on February 23 following brief illness.

– Digest : Sikandeer Bakht dead. *Hindu.* February 24, 2004: 1.

Balachandran, M.

Mr. M. Balachandran, general amanger of the Bank of Baroda on February 5 assumed charge as the Executive Director of the bank.

– Khandelwal new CMD of Dena Bank. *Hindu.* February 6, 2004: 18.

Balamurali Krishna, M. (Dr.)

Dr. M. Balamurali Krishna, the doyen of Carnatic music has refused to accept the Sri Jayendra Saraswathi national eminence award in Fine Arts. Kanchi seer Jayendra Saraswathi is in judicial custody since November 12 for his alleged role in a murder case.

– Briefly : Award after seer refused. *Tribune.* December 7, 2004: 2.

Balasubramanian, N.

Mr. N. Balasubramanian has been appointed Chairman and Managing Director of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).

– Briefly : Sidbi CMD. *Tribune.* December 31, 2004: 17.

Balayogi, G.M.C.

Directorate - General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has squarely blamed "pilot error coupled with the weather factor" for the helicopter crash in which Mr. G.M.C. Balayogi, the former Lok Sabha Speaker and others were killed. The helicopter was under the command of Capt. G.V. Menon (47) who had to his credit over 3943 hours of flying.

– Shankar, T.S. 'Pilot error, weather led to Balayogi copter crash'. *Hindu.* October 22, 2004 : 15.

Balkavade, Narsinghrao

Veteran freedom fighter Narsinghrao Balkavade (94) died at Bhagur near Nasik on March 5. He had participated in 1942 Quit India Movement and was in jail for six months.

– Briefly : Freedom fighter Balkavade dead. *Sunday Tribune.* March 7, 2004 : 2.

Balkishen Singh

Veteran Olympian and star hockey player and coach Balkishen Singh (72) passed away on December 31 at Patiala. He represented India twice in the Olympic Games (1956 at Melbourne and 1960 at Rome).

– Thyagrajan, S. Hockey: Olympian Balkishen Singh dead. *Hindu.* January 1, 2005: 18.

– Dhaliwal, Ravi. Olympian Balkrishan Singh dead. *Tribune.* January 1, 2005:20.

– Prabhjot singh. Obituary: Great sportsman and coach. *Tribune.* January 1, 2005 : 20.

– Editorial : A coach and a gentleman: Balkrishan left lasting impact on hockey. *Tribune.* January 3, 2005: 10.

Bandhopadhyay, Padmavathy (Air Marshal)

Air Marshal Padmavathy Bandhopadhyay has achieved the second highest rank in the Indian Air Force. She is an alumnus of Kirori Mal College, Delhi and AFMC, Pune. Commissioned into the IAF in 1968, Air Marshal Bandhopadhyay was the first Indian woman to go to the North Pole in 1989-90 as a part of the Indo Russian project. She also holds the distinction of being the first woman officer to be awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM). She was the first Indian woman to qualify in aviation medicine, which is the specialised branch of medicine, and to undergo a staff college course. She became the first woman fellow of the Aerospace Medical Society of India. She was also the first woman officer of the Indian Armed Forces to be awarded the prestigious Indira Gandhi Priyadarshini Award in 1995 for outstanding services.

– Kaura, Girja Shankar. Many firsts in Air Marshal's career. *Sunday Tribune.* October 3, 2004 : 2.

Banerjee, B.P.

Supreme Court on November 19 quashed the allotment of a plot to Mr. B.P. Banerjee, a former Calcutta High Court judge for "misusing" his judicial power to get it from the Chief Minister's discretionary quota in the Salt Lake Hosuing Complex 17 years ago. A Supreme Court Bench said, "the facts, as cited... speak for themselves. The facts speak volumes that the learned judge has misused his judicial functions as liveries to obtain personal interests is clearly discernible". English daily *Tribune* views this judgement as an attempt by the Supreme Court at enforcing judicial discipline.

– Negi, S.S. SC quashes allotment of plot to Calcutta ex-judge. *Tribune.* November 20, 2004: 1.

In the Calcutta land allotment ruling, the apex court rightly said that as the judges wield untrammeled powers, one expects the highest standards of integrity and rectitude from them. However, if the judges themselves compromise their integrity and misuse their exalted position for petty gains, as Calcutta High Court Judge Justice B.P. Banerjee had done, people will lose faith in the judiciary. The Supreme Court verdict delivered by Justice

S.N. Variava and Justice H.K. Sema that a judge cannot compromise his "divine judicial duty" for petty gains should have a salutary impact on the judiciary. When Justice Banerjee failed to get land in Kolkata's Salt Lake area from the Chief Minister's discretionary quota, he stopped further land allotment from this quota while hearing a case. But after a few days, he vacated the stay order once he himself got a plot of land from the same quota. He ought to have realised that he would be held accountable one day for his violating the code which should guide a judge.

– Editorial: Judicial integrity: SC ruling should help stem the rot. *Tribune.* November 23, 2004: 10.

Banerjee, Mamata

Trinamool Congress leader Mamata Banerjee, who was minister without portfolio for over four months, was on January 8 given charge of Coal and Mines in the Union Government. Mr Karia Munda was given the Non-Conventional Energy portfolio.

– Mamata gets coal, mines. *Tribune.* January 9, 2004: 1.

Mamata Banerjee has once again taken on the Centre by lambasting its decision to close down 62 collieries in Bengal-Bihar-Jharkhand areas. These collieries have been employing over 70,000 workers. Within three days of assuming the Ministry of Coal and Mines, the Trinamool Congress leader declared she would not carry out the decision taken by her predecessor, Karia Munda of the BJP. She would also oppose the Finance Ministry's decision of lowering the excise duty on the import of coal from 25 to 15 per cent, which, she said, had been facilitating foreign companies.

– Mamata lambasts Centre on closure of collieries. *Tribune.* January 15, 2004: 7.

Banerjee, Milon

Milon Banerjee (74), is appointed the Attorney General of India on June 5. (*Hindu.* June 6, 2004)

Banerjee, Pratima

Bengali singer Pratima Banerjee passed away in Kolkata on July 30 following a protracted illness. She had been honoured with the Bengal Film Journalists Award (BFJA) for three consecutive years.

– Briefly : Bengali singer Pratima dead.*Tribune.* July 31, 2004: 2.

Banerjee, U.C. (Justice)

Former Supreme Court judge Justice U.C. Banerjee will head a high level inquiry set up on September 2, to probe the fire on the Sabarmati Express at

Godhra about two and a half years back, that claimed the lives of 59 people. This probe committee shall submit its findings within three months and a three-member team of railway experts will assist it. The committee will examine various aspects of the incident apart from ascertaining the precise cause of the fire in the ill-fated coach S-6 of Sabarmati Express.

– Raina, Jay. New probe panel on Godhra set up. *Hindustan Times.* September 3, 2004: 1, 9.

The Centre extends on Nov. 24 the term of the Godhra probe panel up to March 4, 2005. Headed by the former apex court judge, U.C. Banerjee, it is probing the fire aboard the Sabarmati Express on February 2002 that killed 58 persons. (*Hindu.* Nov. 25, 2004)

Bangar, K.C. (Dr.)

Major changes in the Haryana Public Service Commission (HPSC) are on the cards, according to reliable sources. It is learnt that the Chairman of the Commission, Dr K.C. Bangar, has been sounded by the powers that be to put in his papers. An unconfirmed report says certain members have also been asked to submit their resignations.

– HPSC chief may be asked to go. *Tribune.* November 30, 2004: 8.

Bangarappa, S.

Former Karnataka Chief Minister, S. Bangarappa on February 29 announced his decision to quit the ruling Congress Party in Karnataka. According to the media reports this comes as a jolt to ruling Congress in the State just ahead of elections.

– Bangarappa quits Congress. *Tribune.* March 1, 2004: 2.

Former Karnataka Chief Minister S. Bangarappa joined BJP on March 4, ahead of the crucial Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the State.

– Ex-Karnataka CM Bangarappa joins BJP. *Tribune.* March 5, 2004: 1, 2.

– Editorial : Garlands for Aya Rams : Being a turncoat pays these days. *Tribune.* March 6, 2004: 10.

Bansal, Narendra Kumar (Prof.)

Prof. Narendra Kumar Bansal has been appointed the Vice-Chancellor of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University in Jammu and Kashmir. Prof. Bansal is former head of the Centre for Energy Studies, I.I.T. (Delhi). Mr Bansal has specialised in renewable energy, energy conservation and planning and economics and has been a guest professor for several foreign universities.

– Puri, Luv. Bansal appointed Vice-Chancellor. *Hindu.* November 16, 2004 : 12.

Barnala, Surjit Singh

Former Punjab Chief Minister Surjit Singh Barnala was sworn in as the Tamil Nadu Governor for the second time at Raj Bhavan in Chennai on November 3. Madras High Court Chief Justice B. Subashan Reddy administered the oath of office to Mr Barnala at a simple and brief ceremony. While Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa, her Cabinet colleagues and Speaker K. Kalimuthu were present , the Opposition too was in full strength to celerate their "so-called victory" in getting Mr Barnala according to the wish of DMK President M. Karunanidhi. Judges of the High Court and diplomats were also present. Mr Barnala, along with his family members flew in from Hyderabad, and was received at the airport at 10 am by Ms Jayalalithaa, Tamil Nadu ministers and the top brass of the state administration and given a ceremonial welcome. He was the Governor of Andhra Pradesh but succeeded Mr P.S. Ramamohan Rao, who tendered his resignation amidst a controversy after the change of guard at the Centre. Mr Barnala is said to be very close to Mr. Karunanidhi, who wanted him as the Tamil Nadu Governor.

– Barnala sworn in TN Governor. *Tribune.* November 4, 2004 : 2.

Basavarajaiah, M.N.

M.N. Basavarajaiah (92) doyen of South Indian drama died after a prolonged illness in Mysore on July 14. (*Hindu.* July 15, 2004)

Bashi, V.V. (Dr.)

Dr. V.V. Bashi, cardiac surgeon MIOT Hospitals, Chennai, and his team performed a complex cardiac surgery on 19-year-old Bushra Amin from Pakistan. He and his team repaired a defective valve and restored her enlarged heart to normal size, giving Ms. Bushra a new life.

– Kannan, Ramya. A new life for Bushra Amin. *Hindu.* July 16, 2004: 20.

Bassi, Kamaljit

Mr. Kamaljit Bassi, a non-resident Indian baggage handler at Heathrow airport has been given an exemplary 19-year jail sentence for a plot to smuggle 9kg of cocaine in the luggage of unwitting passangers. Sentencing Bassi on August 6, Judge Peter Testar told him, "What you did was extremely serious because you were prepared to commit the most appalling breach of trust."

– Rao, H.S. NRI jailed for 19 years. *Sunday Tribune*. August 8, 2004 : 11.

Basu, Jyoti

Mr Jyoti Basu was robbed of Rs 1.05 lakh, kept in the Myukh Bhavan branch of the State Bank of India located near his residence in Salt Lake, Kolkata. According to Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, the money had been withdrawn through Mr Basu's ATM card which his personal secretary, Mr Jaikrishna Ghosh, detected today. The police, however, soon recovered the entire money after arresting Mr Basu's own security guard and interrogating two other persons.

– Jyoti Basu's gaurd held. *Tribune.* November 6, 2004: 1.

Basu, Prahlad

Former Mines Secretary, Prahlad Basu heads the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises constituted by the Prime Minister. The Board shall advise the government on ways and means to strengthen state-owned companies in the central sector.

– Basu to head PSUs panel. *Hindustan Times.* December 4, 2004: 9.

Bawa, Balbir Kumar

Balbir Kumar Bawa, D.I.G. of Crime Branch, Punjab is facing "bailable warrants" issued on October 14 by the SDJM, Pathankot, in a criminal complaint pending in the court. Magistrate issued the warrants taking strong exception to Bawa's continuously ignoring the court orders.

– Warrants against Crime Branch DIG. October 15, 2004:5.

Bawa, K.C.

Mr. K.C. Bawa is a retired Gujarat railway police official who initially investigated the Godhra train fire incident in Gujarat in which 59 Kar Sevaks were torched alive. His cross-examination before the two-man inquiry commission of Justice (retd.) G.T. Nanavati and Justice (retd.) K.G. Shah on June 30, brought to the surface several contradictions pertaining to the burning pattern of those charred and the survivors of the Godhra train carnage.

– Contradictions on Godhra train fire emerge. *Tribune.* July 1, 2004: 2.

Baweja, Ashok

Mr Ashok Baweja will take over as Chairman of the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) at Bangalore with effect from December 1, succeeding Mr N.R. Mohanty, who retired on November 30. As Director (Design and Development), Mr Baweja was heading the HAL Design Complex at Bangalore.

– HAL chief. *Tribune.* December 1, 2004: 17.

Beant Kaur

Ms Harpreet Kaur, Judicial Magistrate (First Class), on November 23 remanded Col M.S. Bains and his son Vikram in judicial custoday. Both are accused of torturing Ms Beant Kaur, widow of Air Vice-Marshal Harjinder Singh, and her sister Satwant Kaur. It may be recalled that the two sisters had recently alleged that their nephew, Colonel Bains, his wife Madhu Bains and his son Vikram had been "torturing" them for several years and eyeing their palatial house in Sector 3 and other properties. However, Colonel Bains retaliated saying that certain relatives were "instigating" the sisters with a view to "grab" the property. The police had arrested Colonel Bains and his son on November 20 while Madhu is yet to be arrested. It was also claimed by Colonel Bains that he was the adopted son of the AVM and general power of attorney (GPA) holder. However, Ms Beant Kaur refuted the claims saying he was never adopted by her late husband. Mr Beant Kaur, widow of the AVM and the first Indian Technical Officer of the Indian Air Force (IAF) and her sister had been putting up at the Punjab and Haryana Bar Council Complex in Sector 37 after being "rescued" from the alleged confinement of their relatives.

– Col Bains remanded in judicial custoday. *Tribune.* November 24, 2004: 20.

Bedi, Monica

The Portugal High Court has ordered the extradition of Bollywood actress, Monica Bedi. She is girlfriend of the underworld don Abu Salem.

– Briefly : Monica's extradition. *Tribune.* July 17, 2004: 1.

– Portugal to extradite Monica. *Hindu.* July 17, 2004: 13.

The CBI on November 7 said the agency would press for the extradition of underworld don Abu Salem's girlfriend Monica Bedi from Portugal to face trial in India for procuring a fake passport to flee the country on an assumed name.

– CBI to press for Monica Bed's extradition. *Tribune.* November 8, 2004 : 20.

Underworld don Abu Salem's girlfriend, Monica Bedi who is facing an extradition trial from Portugal to India has written a letter to President seeking pardon and cancellation of all criminal proceedings against her initiated by the CBI and giving her a "second change".

– Briefly. Monica Bedi writes to Kalam. *Tribune.* November 10, 2004 : 2.

The Supreme Court of Portugal has rejected Monica Bedi's plea opposing her extradition to India. She and her boyfriend Abu Salem were arrested from Lisbon on 18 September 2002 for possessing and using fake travel documents.

– Portugal court paves way for Monica's extradition. *Hindustan Times.* December 4, 2004: 9.

– Briefly : Way cleared for Monica's extradition. *Tribune.* December 4, 2004: 1.

– Briefly : Monica Bedi's plea rejected. *Hindu.* December 4, 2004: 1, 13.

Bedi, M.M. Singh

A letter written by Mr. M.M. Singh Bedi Registrar (Judicial)-cum-Public Relations Officer of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, evoked strong reactions from the media. The letter was addressed to several responsible newspapers of the North India and sought to place restrictions on them in publishing news items in relation to the affairs of the High Court. The letter was described by Mr. Bedi as the High Court's Press communique, "...no news pertaining to the administrative affairs of the High Court should be published unless correctness of it is cross-checked from me".

– Dua, H.K. It's censorship. *Tribune.* April 15, 2004: 1.

Behl, Rajneesh

Mr. Rajneesh Behl (77), husband of late actress Nutan died in fire at his penthouse flat in Mumbai on August 3. Behl was a former Naval Commander.

– Nutan's husband dies in fire. *Tribune.* August 5, 2004 : 16.

Beigh, Safdar Ali

Unidentified gunmen shot dead a National Conference leader and former minister, Safdar Ali Beigh in his home-town, Anantnag on October 21. Beigh, escorted by his PSO Javid Ahmad, was going out for shopping when militants, waiting outside his Sarnal residence, 60 km from Srinagar, fired at him from point blank range. The NC leader received four bullets, two each on head and chest. The militants immediately fled the scene and so far no outfit has claimed responsibility for the killing. Beigh, a nephew of former Deputy Chief Minister Mirza Fazal Beigh, was elected to the State Assembly in 1996 and became Minister of State for Revenue in the Farooq Abdullah Government.

– NC leader shot dead in Anantnag. *Tribune.* October 22, 2004: 1.

Safder Ali Beg (59), a senior National Conference leader and former Minister of State in the Farooq Abdullah led Ministry, was on October 21 gunned down by terrorists in South Kashmir town of Anantnag. He was a lawyer by profession and was a member of the influential Beg family of Anantnag.

– Bukhari, Shujat. Former Jammu and Kashmir Minister shot dead. *Hindu.* October 22, 2004: 1.

Beliya, G.D.

The government on June 28 shifted Registrar of Newspapers of India (RNI) G.D. Beliya in the wake of controversy over the publication of *International Herald Tribune* from Hyderabad. Beliya's place would be taken by Deepak Sandhu, Additional PIO, Press Bureau. Beliya has been made Director, Research and Reference and Training in the PIB.

– Baliya shifted out of RNI. *Tribune.* June 29, 2004: 13.

Beora, Paramjit Singh

Paramjit Singh Beora, the alleged assassin of former Punjab CM Beant Singh, escaped from the Burail Jail alongwith his two companions through 94-foot-long tunnel on January 22.

– Beant case accused flee. *Tribune.* January 23, 2004: 1.

Berde, Laxmikant

Laxmikant Berde (50) popular Marathi and Hindi film actor passed away in Mumbai on December 16, following Kidney failure.

– Inbox : Laxmikant Berde dead. *Hindustan Times.* December 17, 2004: 1.

– Actor Laxmikant Berde dead. *Tribune.* December 17, 2004: 2.

Beri, Ritu

Noted fashion designer and the high priestess of Indian fashion, Ritu Beri got married on November 24 to her long time friend and Delhi based industrialist Bobby Chadha in New Delhi.

– Ritu Beri ties nuptial knot. *Tribune.* Nov. 25, 2004: 17.

Berlia, Sushma

Ms. Sushma Berlia, one of the leading woman entrepreneurs in the country and president, Apeejay Stya Group has been elected vice-president of PHD Chambers of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) for 2004-05. She is an Economics graduate from Delhi.

– Memani takes over as PHDCCI chief. *Tribune.* December 20, 2004: 17.

Bhadana, Kartar Singh

Haryana Cooperation Minister and a senior member of ruling Indian National Lok Dal (INLD), Mr. Kartar Singh Bhadana resigned from the Chautala Cabinet on March 30 in the wake of coming Lok Sabha elections.

– Gupta Yoginder. Haryana minister Bhadana quits. *Tribune.* March 31, 2004: 1, 20.

Bhagwati, Jagdish (Prof.)

Prof. Jagdish Bhagwati Chair in Indian political economy has been created at the U.S. based Columbia University, at its School of International and Public Affairs. Prof. Bhagwati is a noted international trade theorist.

– Briefly: Chair named after Indian. *Tribune.* July 1, 2004: 9.

Bhalla, Rajiv

Advocate Rajiv Bhalla was administered oath as Punjab and Haryana High Court Judge on January 9, 2004 in Chandigarh by CJ B.K. Roy in his court room.

– Sharma, Bhalla, Mittal to be sworn in today. *Tribune.* January 9, 2004: 3.

Bhan, Suraj

The Central Government on February 26 announced the constitution of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes. Mr. Suraj Bhan was nominated as its Chairperson. With the constitution of this Commission, the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes ceases to exist.

– Suraj Bhan is chief of new SC panel. *Hindu.* February 27, 2004: 13.

Bhandari, Dalveer Chand (Justice)

Justice Dalveer Chand Bhandari was on July 25 sworn in as the new Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court. Justice Bhandari succeeds Justice C.K. Thakker. He has practised in various high courts and the Supreme Court. He was appointed as a judge of the Delhi High Court in 1991.

– New Bombay HC Chief Justice. *Times of India.* July 26, 2004: 6.

Bhandari, M.C. (Lt. Gen.)

Lieutenant General M.C. Bhandari, took over as the new Director-General of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) on August 1. As alumnus of the National Defence Academy, he was commissioned into the Garhwal Rifles on June 11, 1967. He also holds the coveted appointment of the Colonel of the Regiment of the Garhwal Rifles and Garhwal Scouts.

– Gen. Bhandari takes over as DG of NCC today. *Tribune.* august 1, 2004: 6.

– Briefly : New D-G. of NCC. *Hindu.* August 2, 2004: 4.

Bhandarkar, Madhur

Noted film director, Madhur Bhandarkar is facing accusations of raping a model turned-actress Preeti Jain. Bhandarkar is the director of acclaimed

"Chandani Bar". Preeti Jain complained to the police that the film director Madhur Bhandarkar sexually exploited her for over three years by promising her a role in his film, as also promising to marry her. In a media statement she claimed that she possessed mobile phone bills, SMS messages and documents to prove her relationships with the film director.

- Bail for 'Chandani Bar' director. *Tribune.* July 24, 2004 : 2.
- 'Chandani Bar' director charged with rape bid. *Tribune.* July 23, 2004: 2.
- Celebrity rape case: Preeti served notice to music composer also. *Times of India.* July 26, 2004: 6.

Film director Madhur Bhandarkar was on July 30 granted anticipatory bail by a local Mumbai court. Bhandarkar is an accused in a rape case.

- Briefly : Anticipatory bail for Madhur Bhandarkar. *Tribune.* July 31, 2004: 2.

Bharadwaj, P.N.

Mr. P.N. Bharadwaj, a deputy registrar of the Himachal Pradesh University and a main accused in the Rs 45 lakh question paper printing scam was on June 30 remanded to police custody for three days.

- Police remand for varsity registrar. *Tribune.* July 1, 2004: 13.

Bharadwaj, R.N.

Mr. R.N. Bharadwaj on December 8, took over as the Chairman of the Life Insurance Corporation of India. He succeeds Mr. S.B. Mathur who retired on October 31, 2004.

- Briefly : New LIC Chief. *Tribune.* December 9, 2004 : 17.
- Top appointments in insurance sector. *Hindu.* December 10, 2004: 16.

Bhardwaj, J.R., Lt Gen.

Lieut-Gen. J.R. Bhardwaj has taken over as the Director-General Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS) and the Senior Colonel Commandant of the service. Commissioned in the Army Medical Corps on June 1, 1965, he is a recipient of Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal. He is also Honorary Surgeon to the President of India.

- Gen. Bhardwaj is DGAFMS. *Tribune.* Feb. 5, 2002: 2.
- Briefly : New Director-General. *Hindu.* February 12, 2004: 4.

Bharti, Uma

Ms. Uma Bharti on Aug. 23 in Bhopal resigned as the Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister. She gave the resignation to Governor Bal Ram Jhakar. Her successor, Babu Lal Gaur accompanied her when she met the Governor.

Ms Bharti resigned in the wake of a non-bailable warrant issued against her in a rioting case by a Hubli court in connection with the unfurling of the National Flag at Idgah Maidan there on August 15, 1994.

– Uma quits as MP CM. *Tribune.* August 23, 2004 : 1.

A court in Hubli on August 23 dismissed Uma Bharti's petition seeking quashing of charges against her in the Idgah Maidan case. Additional District and Sessions Judge J.M.D. Cunha said Bharati's plea has been "time barred".

– Plea rejected. *Times of India.* August 24, 2004: 1.

The Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Ms. Uma Bharti, on August 23 resigned in the wake of a non-bailable warrants issued against her in a rioting case by a Hubli court in connection with the unfurling of the National Flag at Idgah Maidan on August 15, 1994. Media views this episode as the trapping of BJP in its own web. The party has been raising much hue and cry over the people of tainted past occupying ministerial positions in the UPA Government at the Centre.

– Uma quits as MP CM : Hubli court rejects her petition. *The Tribune.* August 24, 2004 : 1, 20.

– Din in Houses on Uma issue. *Tribune*. August 24, 2004: 2.

"The Karnataka Government's decision to withdraw all the cases registered against former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minsiter Uma Bharti is welcome".

– Editorial: U-turn on Uma: Time of shift focus on governance. *Tribune.* September 1, 2004: 12.

Former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Ms. Uma Bharti was granted bail by a Bhopal court on October 9 in a defamation case filed against her by Congress stalwart and former Chief Minister of Mahdya Pradesh, Digvijay Singh.

– Briefly: Uma gets bail. *Sunday Tribune.* Oct. 10, 2004: 1.

Uma Bharti was on November 10, suspended from the primary membership of the BJP. She was suspended after she walked out of a meeting of the party office-bearers, challenging the BJP president, L.K. Advani, to take disciplinary action against her for speaking out against some of her party colleagues. The entire episode took place in full view of the media.

– Ansari, Javed M. Uma Bharti rocks BJP: Challenges Advani, suspended from party. *Hindu.* November 11, 2004: 1, 11.

– Khare, Harish. Comment: "The brand became larger than the product. *Hindu.* November 11, 2004: 11.

– Uma suspended after protest walkout. *Tribune.* November 11, 2004: 1.

- Editorial : Leadership on test : Uma episode, a symptom of the malaise in BJP. *Tribune.* Nov. 12, 2004: 10.
- Editorial: Public Tamasha. *Hindu.* November 15, 2004:10.

Suspended BJP leader Uma Bharti on December 2 tendered an unconditional apology for her public spat with BJP President L.K. Advani last month. "I met Mr Advani today and handed him a letter tendering my apology for the happening on November 10th which may have hurt him and the party," she told reporters. "The decision is now with Mr Advani regarding my suspension," she said adding," I have never ever defied the party leadership nor gone against the party lines.

- Uma apologises to Advani. *Tribune.* December 3, 2004:1.
- Uma Bharati meets Vajpayee. *Hindu.* December 3, 2004: 11.

Uma Bharti's suspension from the Bhartiya Janata Party was revoked on December 24.

- Vyas, Neena, Uma Bharti back in party. *Hindu.* December 25, 2004: 1.
- Editorial : Return of the prodigal : Uma is back, with shorter wings. *Tribune.* December 27, 2004 : 10.

Bhat, Mohammad Amin

In the first major killing of a senior police officer since the outbreak of militancy in Jammu and Kashmir, militants shot dead Deputy Inspector General of Police Mohammad Amin Bhat on February 2 in the compound of mosque after the Eid prayers in uptown city. Bhat was fired upon by militants from close range with silencer-fitted pistols leaving him critically injured with three bullet wounds in the throat, near a mosque in Barzulla, Senior Superintendent of Police Javed Mujtaba Gilani said. He was rushed to the state hospital where doctors declared him "brought dead", Gilani said. Bhat, who was serving as DIG (Crime) in Jammu and had come here to celebrate Eid with his family, was instrumental in revival of the intelligence unit of the state police during the early 90s.

- DIG shot-outside Srinagar mosque. *Tribune.* February 3, 2004: 1.

Mohammed Amin Bhat, Deputy Inspector-General of the Jammu and Kashmir police was shot dead by the militants on February 2 as he wasn coming out of the Barzulla mosque in Srinagar after offering Id prayers.

- Bukhari, Shujaat. Fired at in Mosque while exchanging Id greetings: DIG shot dead in Srinagar. *Hindu.* February 3, 2004: 1.

Bhat, Mohammad Yusuf

The police in Anantnag said Mohammad Yusuf Bhat, block secretary of the

Congress, and his personal security officer (PSO), Mohammad Ashraf were shot dead by militants at Chini Chowk in Anantnag on September 29. The incident took place at about 9 am near the shrine of Reshi Mohalla in the town. Another civilian, Hari Abdul Aziz died due to cardiac arrest at the site of the incident, the police said.

– Cong. leader shot in Anantnag. *Tribune.* September 30, 2004:1

Bhatia, Gaurav

An incident involving Gaurav Bhatia, an Illinois Institute of Technology graduate, when he was ticketed for sleeping in the Chicago Transit Authority train got international attention especially after Bhatia (25) refused to pay the $50 fine by Chicago Officials. In a dramatic volte face Chicago Officials dropped their case.

– Indian gets legal rights to sleep in train. *Tribune.* October 9, 2004: 9.

Bhatia, R.L.

Congress MP from Amritsar and former Union Minister, R.L. Bhatia has been drafted by the Congress High Command to end the impasse in the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee. Preferring to remain in the background, Bhatia has been meeting the members of the dissident camp with Punjab Agriculture Minsiter Rajinder Kaur Bhattal in the vanguard as well as Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh. Apparently, the Congress High Command does not want to precipitate matters in Punjab by caving in to the demand of the dissidents for a leadership change in the border State. The High Command wants to find an honourable way out without causing a vertical split in the PPCC.

– Bhatia plays a quiet-role. *Tribune.* January 2, 2004: 11.

Veteran Congress leader and former Union Minister, Mr. R.L. Bhatia, 83 has been appointed as the new Governor of Kerala. Bhatia recently lost the Lok Sabha election from Amritsar, succeeds Mr. Sikandar Bakht who expired in February 2004.

– R.L. Bhatia, Jakhar new Governors. *Tribune.* June 17, 2004:1.

Bhatt, Ela

Renowned social worker, Ela Bhatt has been conferred the prestigious Lal Bahadur Shastri Award for Excellence in Public Administration and Management.

– Swarup, Harihar. Profile: Making poor women self-reliant, her goal. *Sunday Tribune.* October 10, 2004: 13.

Bhattal, Rajinder Kaur

The Punjab Chief Minister, Captain Amarinder Singh, on January 7 said that the corruption case against Mrs Rajinder Kaur Bhattal would not be taken back nor would she be given any additional portfolio following her appointment as Deputy Chief Minister of the State.

– Case against Bhattal to stay, says CM. *Tribune.* Jaunary 8, 200 : 1.

Captain Amarinder Singh announced that the Punjab Vigilance Bureau would handle the "receipts" pertaining to the disputed Rs 20-lakh grant allegedly withdrawn by Mrs Rajinder Kaur Bhattal that had been "found" in the CM Office. "The Vigilance will verify the authenticity of the receipts and tell what these pertain to", he said.

– 'Receipts' to go to Vigilance. *Tribune.* January 8, 2004: 1.

Punjab Deputy Chief Minister Rajinder Kaur Bhattal on January 7 again failed to appear in the District Courts where charges of corruption were to be framed against her. The case has been adjourned for January 10. Taking up an applicatoin moved by the Punjab Government seeking permission to a supplementary challan, Additional District and Sessions Judge, R.S. Baswana on January 7 directed Mrs. Bhattal to be present in the court on January 10. Mr Baswana said the complainant could file an application challenging the filing of supplementary challan by the Government.

– Bhattal fails to appear in court. *Tribune.* January 8, 2004:3.

Mrs Rajinder Kaur Bhattal was on January 20 designated as the Deputy Chief Minister of Punjab. Following approval by the Governor, CM Amarinder Singh cleared the file on January 20 morning. She will operate from her old office and retain the existing departments.

– Bhattal designated Deputy CM. *Tribune.* January 21, 2004: 5.

The Punjab Government apparently suffered a setback after the Punjab and Haryana High Court today rejected its plea for deferring the framing of charges against Deputy Chief Minister Rajinder Kaur Bhatal. The Court held that the same would not be in the interest of justice.

– HC refuses to defer framing of charges against Bhattal. *Tribune.* January 26, 2004: 1.

Charges were framed on February 5 against Mr. Rajinder Kaur Bhattal, the Deputy Chief Minister of Punjab in a case of misappropriation of funds from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund in 1996.

– Court frames charges against Bhattal. *Hindu.* February 6, 2004: 11.

The Deputy Chief Minister of Punjab Rajinder Kaur finds herself in a difficult situation. The Supreme Court on April 12, dismissed Punjab Government's petition seeking a re-investigation into the corruption case against her, pertaining to alleged misappropriation of Rs. 20 lakh from the Chief Minister's relief fund when she was heading the Congress Govenrment in the State. The SC Bench described the State Government's move as "politically motivated."

- Punjab's plea for reprobe in Bhattal case shot down. *Tribune*. April 13, 2004: 1.

Mrs. Rajinder Kaur Bhatal has retained Deputy Chief Ministership of Punjab during the recent reallocation of portfolios following the downsizing exercise of the Council of Ministers. While her portfolio has been changed from Rural Development and Panchayats and Agriculture to Higher Education and Languages, Medical Education and Research and Technical Education.

- Dhaliwal, Sarbjit. Bhattal divested of Agriculture; Amarinder keeps 18 portfolios. *Sunday Tribune*. July 18, 2004: 1, 24.

Bhatti, Gurpreet Kaur

Britain based Sikh writer Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti's play Behzti about alleged sexual abuses in a 'gurudwara' has infuriated her co-religionists and has divided the country's Sikh community down the middle. Angry protesters resorted to violence and forced a theatre in Birmingham to abandon it. Ms. Bhatti has also reportedly received death threats.

- Suroor, Hasan. Rushdie backs Sikh playwright. *Hindu.*December 27, 2004: 15.
- In brief : Sikhs try to storm theatre. *Hindu.* December 20, 2004: 1, 12.
- Suroor, Hasan. Satanic Verses to Behzti. *Hindu.* December 31, 2004: 10.

Bhaura, Bhan Singh, Comrade

Bhan Singh Bhaura, M.P. from Bathinda died on January 3 in New Delhi. Dr Joginder Dayal, State Secretary of the Punjab Unit of the CPI said the CPI would build a memorial in Com. Bhaura's honour at Malerkotla.

- CPI to build memorial to Bhaura at Malerkotla. *Tribune.* January 12. 2004: 6.

Bhavnani, Ajit

The Government names Ajit Bhavnani as the next Chief of the Strategic Forces Command managing the country's nuclear systems on July 2. (*Hindu.* July 3, 2004)

Bhujbal, Chhagan

Mr. Chhagan Bhujbal the former Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra has denied his or his nephew Sameer Bhujbal's involvement in the stamp paper scam. According to the reports appearing in the media, Abdul Karim Telgi, the alleged brain behind the multi-crore scam alleged to have mentioned the name "Bhujbal" under the "narco-analysis test" conducted in Bangalore on him.

– Bhujbal denies role in stamp paper scam. *Hindu.* February 11, 2004: 11.

Bhujbal, Sameer

Mr Sameer Bhujbal, the high profile nephew of former Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister, Chhagan Bhujbal was grilled by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the multi-crore fake stamp paper scam on February 28, in Mumbai. Sameer was grilled for about three hours. He was quizzed on the alleged links of politicians with the prime accused in the fake stamp paper scam, Abdul Karim Telgi.

– SIT grills Sameer Bhujbal. *Hindu.* February 29, 2004: 1.

Bhupathi, Mahesh

Leander Paes-Mahesh Bhupathi pair wins the Tennis Masters in Canada on Aug 2. (*Hindu.* Aug 3, 2004)

Fourth-seeded pair of Mahesh Bhupathi and Max Mirnyi got a bye in the second in reaching the semi-final of the men's doubles event at the Paris Masters Tennis Tournament. Bhupathi and his Belarussian partner Mirnyi had beaten Andrei Pavel of Romania and Nenad Zimonjic of Serbia Montnegro 7-5, 7-6 (7/3) in the first round.

– Bhupathi - Mirnyi in semis. *Tribune.* November 6, 2004: 18.

Bhutani, Kanwar

Mr. Kanwar Bhutani, the Manging Director of Tupperware India will shortly take over as the President of the 1.1 billion Tupperware US at its global headquarters, according to the media reports.

– Executive Digest : Tupperware India MD to be global president. *Times of India.* October 8, 2004: 11.

Bijoy Singh, N.G.

Mr. N.G. Bijoy Singh, the Vice-Chancellor of Manipur University and Registrar Mr. R.K. Ranjan were released by the Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (KYKL) activists on December 17. Both of them were shot in the left knee. The two had been kidnapped from Chanchipur area near Imphal on December 13.

– Brielfy : Manipur varsity VC freed. *Sunday Tribune.* Dec 19, 2004: 1.

– Varsity officials released. *Hindu.* December 19, 2004: 1.

Bilkis, Yakoob Rasool

CBI on April 19 filed a chargesheet against 20 persons in the Bilkis Yakub Gujarat riots case. Bilkis Yakub was gangraped and her relatives were massacred allegedly by rioters. The 20 accused have been booked under Sections 120-B, 302, 376-G and others of the IPC relating to the destruction and suppression of evidence and falsifying records.

– CBI chargesheets 20 in Bilkis case. *Tribune.* April 20, 2004: 20.

Bilkis Yakoob Rasool is Gujarat riots victim. She survived a murderous attempt after her alleged gangrape in Panivela village of Dahod district in the post-Godhra violence. She lost seven members of her family in the violence. She has sought transfer of the trial in the case outside Gujarat on the ground that she had no faith in the State authorities.

– Hearing on Bilkis plea for case transfer on July 26. *Tribune.* July 15, 2004: 2.

CBI in its report submitted to the Supreme Court has supported the Bilkis case transfer outside Gujarat in the interest of justice.

– CBI backs transfer of Bilkis rape case. *Tribune.* July 24, 2004: 2.

– Supreme Court stays trial of Bilkis' case till August 2. *Hindu.* July 27, 2004: 10.

Supreme Court on August 6 ordered the transfer of Bilkis rape case to Mumbai and issued notice to the Gujarat Government on a petition for the transfer of Naroda Patia and Naroda Gam massacre cases.

– Briefly : Bilkis case shifted to Mumbai. *Tribune.* August 7, 2004 : 1, 2.

Supreme Court has transferred the Bilkis Bano case from Gujarat to Mumbai. Bilkis Bano is a key witness and gangrape victim of post-Godhra riots case. 14 of her family members were massacred durig the riots. Addressing a press conference on August 8 she said that she was hopeful of getting justice outside Gujarat.

– Bilkis hopeful of getting justice. *Tribune.* August 9, 2004: 2.

– Editorial : Justice for Bilkis - She cannot get it in Gujarat. *Tribune.* August 9, 2004: 10

Bindra, Abhinav

Indian Olympic hope Abhinav Bindra won the gold medal in the men's 10m air rifle at the International Air Rifle and Pistol Shooting Championships held at Munich, Germany. Moving into the final in the seventh place with a score of 597, Bindra put in a superb performance in the title round to clinch the gold with a total of 701 points.

– Bindra shoots gold at Munich. *Tribune.* January 31, 2004: 21.

Bipin Chandra (Prof.)

Noted historian Prof. Bipin Chandra was on July 7 appointed Chairman of the National Book Trust (NBT). Chandra replaces B.K. Sharma who as per media reports was appointed by the former HRD Minister Murli Manohar Joshi of the previous NDA Government.

– Briefly : Prof. Chandra National Book Trust Chief. *Tribune*. July 8, 2004 : 2.

Noted historian, Prof. Bipin Chandra was on July 7 appointed as the honorary Chairman of the National Book Trust (NBT). Media reports view this appointment as part of the de-saffronisation drive of the present Congress led UPA Government at the Centre. Chandra replaces B.K. Sharma whose term was to end on March 2006.

– In brief : NBT Chief. *Hindu*. July 8, 2004 : 1, 12.

Bir, Sarwan Singh

Sarwan Singh Bir, an unsung hero of Malwa region, passed away on November 24 at Bathinda. A World War-II veteran-turned-social crusader and historian, Bir was bedridden for the past few months. He had suffered a paralytic stroke about a year ago. Born on October 26, 1926, in Burma, where his father was serving in the British Military Police, Bir was in class IV when World War-II broke out and the British Army forcibly recruited him in the Army on May 23, 1941. He got separated from the family and survived but his one brother and sister died in Nagaland because of illness. He quit the Army in June, 1947, and joined the Praja Mandal Movement that was going on against the princely states in the region. Though he had formal education up to class V, he was fluent in speaking English.

– Historian Sarwan Singh Bir passes away. *Tribune.* November 25, 2004 : 14.

Birla, Priyamvada

An all-out legal battle has broken out between the industrialist Birla clan and Rajinder S. Lodha over late Priyamvada Birla's will that bequeathed Mr. Lodha Rs. 5000 crore of industrial assets. Mr. B.K. Birla, patriarch of the Birla family said that they were not going to allow an "outsider" to take over the assets of the family

- Birla, Lodha file caveats. *Tribune.* July 15, 2004: 16.

Priyamvada Birla wife of late Madhav Prasad Birla, had cut all her relatives out of her will and left all her assets, worth Rs. 5000 crores to the family retainer and well known chartered accountant R.S. Lodha. Lodha has been a past president of FICCI.

- Mitra, Arnab. The Will to fight: An intriguing legal battle is on the cards after all the assets of the late M.P. Birla's group were willed to an outsider by his wife. *India Today.* July 26, 2004: XXIX (29): 50.
- Arup Ratan Lala. 'Survivor' Yash leans on old law to succeed. *Times of India.* July 26, 2004: 8.
- Gupta, Subhrangshu. Lodha president over Birla Corp Board meeting.
- Birlas wheel out big gun Gurumurthy. *Times of India.* July 24, 2004: 10.

Biyani, Alok

Mr. Alok Biyani, a proclaimed offender, was arrested on August 31 from the NSC Bose International Airport Kolkata, as he was preparing to board a flight to Australia. Biyani is an accused in the multi-crore scam at Calcutta Stock Exchange in March 2001.

- Briefly : One held in Stock exchange scam. *Tribune.* September 2, 2004: 2.

Boparai, Swarn Singh

A complaint against the style of functioning of Swarn Singh Boparai, Vice-Chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala to the Governor of Punjab who is the Chancellor of the University, by the BJP has been sent to the University by the Governor. The VC has formed a committee to draft a reply for submission to the Chancellor. The reply is likely to be sent to the Chancellor shortly. This is an ongoing controversy between the VC and PVC. Congress supports the VC and BJP the PVC.

- Verma forwards BJP complaint to varsity. *Tribune.* January 19, 2004: 14.

Mr. Swaran Singh Boparai, Vice-Chancellor of Punjabi University, Patiala has been asked by the Union Home Ministry to stop using the honorific "Padma Shri" either by prefixing or suffixing it to his name or in any other form of official communication. Union Home Ministry had earlier asked him to explain the factual position with regard to the use of the "Padma Shri" as a prefix or suffix with his name on his letter-heads, visiting cards and invitation cards issued by him or on his behalf.

- Jangveer Singh, Don't use honorific Padma Shri, VC told. *Tribune.* October 29, 2004: 5.

Borkar, Susheel Narhari

Mr. Susheel Narhari Borkar on July 31 took over as the Director-General and Inspector General of Karnataka police. He succeeds Mr. M.D. Singh following his retirement. Mr. Borkar is an ex-serviceman and had served in the Kumaon Regiment from 1967 to 1974. He joined the Indian Police Service in 1974.

– Borkar appointed new police chief. *Hindu.* August 1, 2004: 6.

Borwankar, Meera Chadha

Meera Borwankar on July 21 became the first woman to be the Commissioner of the Mumbai Crime Branch. She succeeds Mr. Satyapal Singh.

– *Tribune.* July 22, 2004: 2.

– Borwankar does her alma mater proud. *Tribune.* July 23, 2004: 13.

Bose, Swapan Sadhan

Mr. Swapan Sadhan Bose, the president of the more-than-a-century-old football club Mohun Bagan, is among the two Asian club representatives appointed for the 'Club Task Force' constituted by the sports' world governing body-FIFA. The 'Club Task Force', though not an official committee but is conceived by FIFA as a platform for clubs from all confederations to express their views and concerns in an informal gathering.

– Football : Swapan Sadhan in 'Club Task Force'. *Hindu.* October 19, 2040: 18.

Botre, Ramchandra Vishnu

Freedom fighter Ramchandra Vishnu Botre, 83, passed away in Ahmednagar on August 14. He took part in the freedom struggle and also served a sentence for participating in the 1942 Quit India Movement.

– Briefly : Veteran freedom fighter dead. *Tribune.* August 16, 2004: 2.

Brahmabhatt, Mahendra Sombhai

M.S. Brahmabhatt, the Ahmedabad Magistrate who had issued warrants against the President, the Chief Justice of India and other VIPs has appealed to the apex court to revoke the order of his suspension passed by the Gujarat High Court. He accused the "ZEE TV" journalist Vijay Shekhar of "playing" with the judiciary.

– 'Journalist tried to play with judiciary'. *Hindu.* February 13, 2004: 12.

– Warrants against President : CBI told to continue probe. *Hindu.* February 14, 2004: 11.

Brahmbhatt, R.B.

R.B. Brahmbhatt, the Superintendent of Police, Gandhinagar Gujarat has been pulled up by the special court hearing the retrial into the Best Bakery case. The special judge had summoned him after it was found that three Gujarat police officials had accompanied Saira Shaikh, sister of Zaheera Shaikh as plain clothmen. Media reports say that these plainclothmen were without any duty passes and were paid in cash by Mr. Brahmbhatt.

– Court pulls up Gujarat SP : Best Bakery case. *Tribune.* December 9, 2004 : 2.

Brar, Irina

Irina Brar is back after setting the Delhi Golf course greens ablaze. A nagging pain did not deter this golf icon from setting two records during the Northern India Open Ladies Amateur Championship. This 21-year-old BA final student of local MCM DAV College returned a five-under score of the opening day sending the officials scurrying for the record books. It was a course record, and also the best by any lady golfer in the country. Her performance on the remaining three days fetched her a record six-under score after the four rounds. This again was a record.

– Irina back after re-writing record. *Tribune.* November 24, 2004 : 19.

Brar, Jagrup Singh

Born in a nondescript Deon village of Bathinda district, Mr Jagrup Singh Brar joined the elite club of politicians in Canada by registering an impressive win in the provincial byelection in British Columbia, an important province in western Canada. Contesting as a candidate of BC National Democratic Party, which was almost wiped out in the last provincial elections, Mr Brar defeated his nearest rival, Mary Polak, of BC Liberals party with a margin of over 2500 votes.

– Brar wins British Columbia by-election. *Tribune.* Oct 30, 2004: 3.

Brar, Lakhvinder Singh

Mr. Lakhvinder Singh Brar, an ACP of Delhi Police has been arrested on charges of forgery and cheating by the crime branch of Delhi Police. The case against ACP Brar is regarding an attempt to grab 1300 square yards of land near a petrol pump on the Mathura Road-Okhala area.

– Delhi police official held for forgery. *Tribune.* April 9, 2004: 2.

Bukhari, Omar (Mian)

Mian Omar Bukhari, an aide of underworld don Dawood Ibrahim was deported to India from Dubai on December 8. He is wanted in four serious cases that are pending against him.

– Briefly : Dawood aide in custody. *Tribune.* December 11, 2004: 2

– Dawood aide brought to Porbandar. *Hindu.* December 11, 2004 : 1

Buta Singh

Buta Singh, after years of hibernation, has been appointed Governor of Bihar. He succeeds the controversial Justice Rama Jois who has made his exit in the wake of the Congress-led UPA Govt asking certain Governors appointed by the previous NDA Govt to put in their papers.

– Buta is Bihar Governor. *Tribune.* November 3, 2004: 1.

Butt, Yasin

Yasin Butt, alleged to be one of the principal architects of the 2002 terrorist attack on the Akshardham temple in Gujarat, was arrested by the J&K Police on Feb. 20. (*Hindu.* Feb. 21, 2004)

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Calcutta, Manjit Singh

A former SGPC Secretary and Acting President of the Singh Sabha, has challenged the appointment of Mr Manjit Singh Calcutta as its patron. Mr Mohinder Singh alleged that there was no provision in the CKD to appoint patron and hence Mr Calcutta could not be appointed to the post.

– Calcutta's appointment challenged. *Tribune.* November 28, 2004: 5.

Chadha, Gurinder

World premiere of "Bride and Prejudice" by director Gurinder Chadha was held in London on October 4. Most sought after Bollywood actress, Aishwarya Rai and her co-star Martin Henderson have played lead roles in the film that features a lower middle-class family's attempts to marry off its daughters to men of a higher social standing.

– "Bride and Prejudice" premiere dazzles London. *Tribune.* October 6, 2004: 20.

The film 'Bride and Prejudice' produced by NRI film producer Gurinder Chadha has topped the UK and Ireland box office charts, grossing over 1,667,616 pounds in the first week of the film's global release.

– 'Bride and Prejudice' tops UK charts. *Tribune.* October 16, 2004: 9.

Gurinder Chadha, NRI director of Aishwarya Rai-starrer "Bride and Prejudice", has been honoured at the House of Commons for her outstanding achievement and contribution to the British film industry. Describing her hit film "Bend It Like Beckham" as the biggest British-financed and distributed film. Keith Vaz, MP, and former Minister for Foreign and Commonwealth Office, said it was impossible to quantify the achievements of Gurinder Chadha.

– Gurinder Chadha honoured at House of Commons. *Tribune.* November 4, 2004: 9.

Chahal, Bharat Inder Singh

Mr. B.I.S. Chahal, the Media Advisor to the Punjab Chief Minister Capt. Amarinder Singh was on October 15 asked by the Punjab and Haryana High Court to explain his alleged interference with the adminsitration of justice. The High Court on October 15 set aside the controversial selection of his son along with six other candidates as Deputy Superintendent of

Police by the Punjab Government under the sportspersons' category.

– Chibber, Maneesh. HC quashes selection of seven DSPs. *Tribune.* October 16,, 2004: 1, 5.

Chakrabarty, Kamalesh Chandra

Mr. Kamalesh Chandra Chakrabarty has joined the Punjab National Bank as its executive director. He was earlier the general manager in the Bank of Baroda.

– PNB ED. *Tribune.* September 1, 2004: 19.

Chakraborty, Nripen

Ailing Communist stalwart and former Tripura Chief Minister, Nripen Chakraborty, is back in the CPI (M) from whose Polit Bureau he was expelled for six years in 1995. (*Hindu.* Dec. 24, 2004)

Veteran Marxist leader and former Tripura Chief Minister, Nripen Chakraborty passed away in Kolkata on December 25, following a cardiac arrest.

– In brief : Nripen passes away. *Hindu.* December 26, 2004: 1, 10.

Chakraborty, Subhas

Within 24 hours of the party's decision to institute an inquiry into the charges made against Sports Minister Subhas Chakraborty for his links with Hatkata Dilip, an accused in 12 murder cases, the CPM leadership suddently did a volte-face with its secretary, Mr Anil Biswas, giving a clean chit to the minister. There was no need for any further probe into the matter as neither Mr Chakraborty nor any other party leader had any links with Hatkata Dilip, Mr Biswas said, even though the minister was ready to face any inquiry. Police investigations indicated that the Sports Minister and some other high-profile CPM leaders had direct links with Hatkata Dilip and other criminals operating in North 24-Parganas area. But "Mr clean chief minister" Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee kept silent in this case and refused to say any thing to the press ignoring the repeated queries from the reporters.

– Storm over minister's links with criminal. *Tribune.* November 4, 2004 : 15.

– Volte-face by CPM minister given chit. *Tribune.* November 5, 2004: 2.

Chandra, Pushkin

Delhi police on August 28 claimed to solve the sensational murder of Pushkin Chandra with the arrest of three persons from different parts of the country including Delhi. Pushkin, a USAID officer was the son of Mr. Anil Kumar Chandra, a retired IAS officer. Media reports say that this high profile murder revealed the 'gay side' of the Capital's social life.

– Singal, Manish Kumar. 3 held in Delhi's Pushkin murder case. *Sunday Tribune.* August 29, 2004: 2.

Chandran, P.S.M. (Dr)

An Indian doctor will head the medical team for the Champions Trophy Hockey Championship to be held in Lahore from December 4 to 12. The Federation International Hockey (FIH) has chosen Dr. P.S.M. Chandran, the head of the Sports Authority of India's medical centre at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi, as the chief of the medical team for the Champions Trophy. His entire expenditure will be borne by the FIH, though the Government is yet to clear his trip. India will be playing in the Champions Trophy due to the withdrawal of Olympic champions Australia.

– Indian doctor. *Tribune.* December 1, 2004: 18.

Chandran, Sudha

Sudha Chandran, dancer and popular TV actress of 'Nache Mayuri' fame joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on February 12. She has acted in over 70 films in various languages like Marathi, Hindi, Bengali, Gujrati and Kannada and in 82 serials on small screen.

– Sudha Chandran joins BJP. *Hindu.* February 13, 2004: 5.

Chandrasekaran, V.

Aztec Software and Technology Services Limited has appointed V. Chandrasekaran as the CEO. Chandrasekaran will be based in Bangalore and head Aztec's entire global operations, reporting to the board.

– Aztee CEO. *Tribune.* January 20, 2004 : 13.

Chandrasekhar Rao, K.

A non-bailable warrant was issued against Mr. K. Chandrasekhar Rao on August 4, by the fifth Metropolitan Magistrate in a case of cheating. Rao is a Union Minister, and chief of Telangana Rashtra Samithi. A case under Section 420 of IPC was filed against Mr. Rao on the complaint of Mr. Prahlad Rao and others.

– Kandula, Ramesh. Non-bailable warrant issued against Union Minister. *Tribune.* August 5, 2004: 2.

– In brief: Warrant issued. *Hindu.* August 5, 2004: 1, 6, 11.

The Labour and Employment portfolio goes to K. Chandrasekhar Rao, Telangana Rashtra Samiti chief on Nov. 27. (*Hindu.* Nov. 28, 2004)

Taking umbrage to the manner in which Telengana Rashtra Samiti leader

K. Chandrasekar Rao took charge, the CPM said his action violated the secular principles. The CPM, which has been opposed to the formation of separate Telengana State, closely watched the rise of the TRS in the Lok Sabha poll and the six-month tag of minister without portfolio to Mr Rao. The TRS leader took charge as Minister for Labour and Employment on November 28 by performing religious ceremony in his office.

– CPM flays Rao for religious rites in office. *Tribune.* November 30, 2004: 14.

Chandrashekhar, S. (Prof.)

Renowned scientist Prof. S. Chandrashekhar (73) passed away in Bangalore on March 8. He was a pioneer in Liquid Crystal research. He is survived by a son and daughter. Professor Chandrashekhar, a student of the Nobel Laureate Sir C V Raman, was closely associated with the Royal Institue of England. He founded the Centre For Liquid Crystal Research in Bangalore.

– Briefly: Noted scientist Chandrashekhar dead. *Tribune.* March 9, 2004: 2.
– Kalam mourns Chandrasekhar's death. *Tribune.* March 10, 2004: 2.

Chandraswami

A special court for CBI cases in New Delhi on October 25, 2004 acquitted the self styled godman, Chandraswami, in the St Kitts forgery case. He was accused of conspiring to forge documents to frame Ajay Singh, son of former Prime Minister V.P. Singh.

– Chandraswami acquitted in St. Kitts case. *Hindu.* October 26, 2004: 1.

A special court in Delhi, on October 25 acquitted tantrik Chandraswami in the 14-year-old St. Kitts forgery case. The case related to alleged "forging" of certain bank documents to show that former Prime Minister V.P. Singh's son Ajay Singh had an illegal account with First Trust Corporation Bank in St. Kitts islands with a deposit of $21 million in 1986.

– Chandraswami acquitted in St. Kitts case. *Tribune.* Oct. 26, 2004 : 1, 20.
– Editorial: Acquittal mode: The guilty will have the last laugh. *Tribune.* October 27, 2004: 10.

Controversial tantrik Chandraswami's application seeking permission to go abroad was on December 10 opposed by the CBI in a court in New Delhi. The CBI said "evidence and material does point an accusing finger towards Chandraswami... and raise a serious doubt regarding his involvement in the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi."

– Chandraswami suspect in Rajiv murder : CBI. *Tribune.* December 11, 2004: 2.

- CBI claims lots of evidence against Chandraswami. *Tribune*. December 14, 2004 :2.

Chandy, Oommen

Senior Congress leader, Oommen Chandy was on August 31 sworn in as the 19th Chief Minister of Kerala following the resignation of Mr. A.K. Antony. Governor Mr. R.L. Bhatia administered the oath of office and secrecy to Mr. Chandy at a simple function at the Raj Bhawan.

- Chandy sworn in Kerala CM. *Tribune*. September 1, 2004:2.
- Menon, Girish. Tough time ahead for Chandy. *Hindu*. September 2, 2004: 7.

Chanu, Sanamachu

Sanamachu Chanu on August 19 became the second Indian weightlifter after Pratima Kumari who failed a drug test at the Athens Olympics. She tested positive in the dope test. She was tested after her event (53 kg category).

- Pratima, Chanu fail drug tests. *Tribune*. August 20, 2004: 1.

Chatterjee, Dhananjoy

"It cannot be disputed that the outcome of any trial depends to a fairly large extent on the quality of legal advice that the accused receives. This loads the scales in favour of rich who find it easier to avoid the death penalty than the poor," says Justice Sachar in the context of D. Chatterjee.

- Sachar, Rajinder. Abolish death penalty: Sometimes it is miscarriage of justice. *Tribune*. July 5, 2004 : 10.

President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on August 3, rejected the mercy petition of Kolkata's condemned prisoner Dhananjoy Chatterjee (43) who is lodged in Alipur Jail's condemned cell since August 12, 1991. Dhananjoy is charged with the rape and murder of a 14-year-old schoolgirl Hethal Parek on March 5, 1990.

- Negi, S.S. Kalam rejects Dhananjay's mercy plea. *Tribune*. August 5, 2004 : 1, 2, 20.
- Kalam rejects Dhananjay's mercy petition. *Hindu*. August 5, 2004 : 1, 11.
- Editorial : Beyond mercy : Dhananjay's crime foreclosed his options. *Tribune*. August 6, 2004 : 10.

Dhananjoy Chatterjee was hanged to death on August 14 at 4-30 a.m., at Alipore Central Jail in Kolkata. He was subsequently cremated at the Keoratala burning ghat in Kalighat where none of his family members was present.

- Gupta, Subhrangshu. Dhananjay hanged to death. *Sunday Tribune.* August 15, 2004: 1, 10.

Chatterjee, Gautam (Prof.)

Prof. Gautam Chatterjee, Headmaster of Lawrence School, Sanawar was asked to resign by the School's Board of Governors (BoG) on December 14. His tenure at Lawrence School, of a little over an year was full of controversies.

- Gayatri, Geetanjali. Sanawar school to re-assess all Gautam's appointments. *Tribune.* December 16, 2004: 3.

Chatterjee, Somnath

Somnath Chatterjee, a veteran CPI (M) leader has been offered the post of Lok Sabha Speaker. Already CPM had rejected the offer to be the part of the Govt, which they have agreed to support from outside. The matter of Speakership is under consideration of the Party Politburo. Left has as many as 61 seats in the Lok Sabha. (*Tribune* May 29: 1, 19.)

CPM Politburo on May 25 agreed to the Congress offer of the Lok Sabha Speakership to Somnath Chatterjee after much dilly-dallying, the opposition of young gaurds notwithstanding. However, the CPI, the Forward Bloc and the RSP approved this proposal.

- *Tribune.* May 26, 2004 : 1.

Somnath Chatterjee is unanimously elected Lok Sabha Speaker on June 4. (*Hindu.* June 5, 2004)

Bridging the disparities between and within nations is an essential step "we have to take to strengthen the fabric of democracy," says the Lok Sabha Speaker, Somnath Chatterjee, inaugurating the first India and Asia Regions Commonwealth Association Conference, in Hyderabad on Nov. 18. (*Hindu.* Nov. 19, 2004)

Somnath Chatterjee, Lok Sabha Speaker and CPI-M leader offered to step down on December 16, a day after he was accused of indulging in "tanashahi" (tyranny).

- Stung by remarks, Speaker offers to quit: BJP says it hadn't called Somnath dictatorial, it was meant for government. *Hindustan Times.* December 17, 2004 : 1.
- Sharma, Rajeev and Gaurav Chaudhury. Angry Speaker offers to quit. *Tribune.* December 17, 2004 : 1, 20.

– Editorial : Speaker's anguish : Don't test his patience. *Tribune*. December 20, 2004 : 10.

Chatterjee, Soumitra

Soumitra Chatterjee is among 19 persons selected for Padma Bhushan on Jan. 25. (*Hindu*. Jan. 26, 2004)

Chatterjee, Subrata

Noted Bengali actress Subrata Chatterjee (62) passed away in Kolkata. She had acted in over 100 films and a dozen plays. She shot to fame playing an important role in "Pushpadhanu" in 1959, made her debut in the film "Ladies' Seat" in 1954.

– Bengali actress dead. *Hindu*. February 25, 2004 : 13.

Chatterjee, Upamanyu

Upamanyu Chatterjee won the Sahitya Akademi Award for 2004 on Dec 22. (*Hindu*. Dec. 23, 2004)

Chaturvedi, B.K.

Petroleum Secretary B.K. Chaturvedi has been appointed the new Cabinet Secretary on June 11. He was to retire on July 31.

– *Tribune*. June 12, 2004 : 1.

Chaubey, Ayodhay Prasad

Ayodhay Prasad Chaubey, an Indian national guilty of smuggling heroin into Indonesia was executed on August 5 in Medan city on the Sumatra island. Chaubey was arrested in Medan in 1994 after airport officials confiscated 12 kg of heroin.

– Indonesia executes Indian drug smuggler. *Tribune*. August 6, 2004 : 9.

Chaudhary, Amarsinh

Amarsinh Chaudhary, 64, former Gujarat Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition in the State Assembly passed away in Ahmedabad on August 15 following a prolonged illness.

– Briefly : Gujarat ex-CM Chaudhary dead. *Tribune*. August 16, 2004 : 1, 2.

Chaudhary, Ambika

Ambika Chaudhary, Minister for Revenue in the Uttar Pradesh Government faces a non-bailable warrant issued against her on October 5 by a Ballia court in the ten-year-old case of damaging railway property and theft.

– Briefly: Warrant against UP minister. *Tribune*. October 7, 2004: 2.

Chaudhury, Rajendra (Dr.)

Dr Rajendra Chaudhury, U.K. based Indian surgeon has won a record sum of one million pounds in damages for racial discrimination. Dr. Chaudhury trained in New Delhi arrived in UK in 1987, but was repeatedly passed over for promotion. White British-born colleagues with the same qualifications were promoted to become consultants.

– Briefly: Indian doctor wins compensation. *Tribune.* March 31, 2004: 9.

– Indian doctor gets £ 1 m as damages. *Tribune.* April 5, 2004: 9.

Chaudhury, Renuka

The police on April 20 registered a case against Congress MP and Lok Sabha candidate from Khammam, Renuka Chaudhury, Sathupally Assembly candidate Jalaagam Venkat Rao and 59 other Congress activists in connection with the attack on Penuballi police station in Khammam district.

– Case against Cong MP Renuka Chaudhury. *Tribune.* April 22, 2004: 2.

Chauhan, R.C. (Dr.)

Dr. R.C. Chauhan, Director of Punjab based Sant Harchand Singh Longowal Central Institute of Engineering and Technology, has been suspended by the Punjab Chief Secretary.

– Engineering Institute Director suspended. *Tribune.* October 15, 2004: 4.

Chaura, Narain Singh

Narain Singh Chaura, a former chief of Akal Federation and a militant ideologue trained in Pakistan who provided logistic support from outside for the escape of alleged killers of Punjab CM was arrested from Mohali, near Chandigarh. He gave details of the conspiracy in jail break to the police.

– Former militant held in jail break case. *Tribune.* January 31, 2004 : 1.

Chautala, Ajay

Ajay Chautala of INLD was elected to the Rajya Sabha from Haryana in Chandigarh on June 28. He secured 29 first preference votes. The effective strength of the House being 80. Speaker of the House had already disqualified six MLAs. On petition, the Supreme Court had stayed their disqualification but barred them from voting in R.S. poll. Ajay Singh Chautala said. "We were convinced about winning both Rajya Sabha seats right from the beginning. The Congress tried to vitiate the political atmosphere of the State by engineering defections. However, the Speaker and the Supreme Court had taught it a lesson. The election has also proved what we have been saying for long that the Congress and the Haryana Vikas Party are 'A' and 'B' teams of each other. They will soon merge."

- Tarlochan, Ajay Chautala make it to Rajya Sabha. *Tribune.* June 29, 2004: 1.

Chautala, Om Prakash

The opposition Congress party of Haryana, on November 14 submitted a 131-page chargesheet (including eight pages of photographs) against the Chief Minister, Mr. Om Prakash Chautala and his family. It accused the Chief Minister and his family of having amassed assets worth crores of rupees after coming to power. The chargesheet was submitted to the Governor by a delegation led by the Haryana Congress President, Mr. Bhajan Lal.

- Gupta, Yoginder. Congress presents chargesheet against Chautala family. *Tribune.* November 15, 2004: 7.

The Congress-led UPA government at the Centre has denied permission to the Haryana Chief Minister, Om Prakash Chautala to visit Pakistan on November 16, in order to bring the personal belongings of veteran freedom fighter and Jat leader, Sir Chhotu Ram from Lahore.

- In brief: 'No' to visit. *Hindu.* November 16, 2004: 1, 5.
- Editorial : Charged atmosphere: Ball is now in the court of the public. *Tribune.* November 17, 2004: 10.

Chavan, S.B.

Mr. S.B. Chavan 83, a former Union Minister and Maharashtra Chief Minister, passed away in Mumbai on February 26 following a prolonged illness. He started his career as President of the Nanded Town Municipality and later became the tallest leader from Maharashtra's Marathwada region. He was the only person from the state to hold several key portfolios at the Centre—External, Defence, Home and Finance at different points of time.

- Vijaypurkar, Mahesh. S.B. Chavan passes away. *Hindu.* February 27, 2004: 1.

S.B. Chavan (83), senior Congress leader and former Union Home Minister, passed away at the Bombay Hospital and Research Centre, Mumbai on Feb 26. (*Hindu.* Feb 26, 2004)

Chawdhary, Santosh

Ms Santosh Chawdhary, former Member of Parliament, has been appointed Chairperson of National Commission for Safai Karamchari by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Her tenure span will be from September 1, 2004 to December 31, 2007. She will have the rank of Minister of State. Ms Chawdhary has held important assignments in the administration and politics.

- Ex-MP to head Safai Karamchari Commission. *Tribune*. November 6, 2004 : 5.

Chawla, A.K.

The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Oct 29 issued notice for contempt to Kurukshetra University Vice-Chancellor A.K. Chawla, Registrar J.S. Kadyan and Lecturer Pankaj Singh. Taking up a petition filed by Kurukshetra University Teachers Association (KUTA), the Bench of Mr Justice Virender Singh issued notice to the respondents for December 13. In the petition moved through its president, Mr O.P. Gehlot, KUTA has prayed for initiation of contempt proceedings against the officers for having willfully disobeyed court orders. The petition says that despite court orders a house in the university complex was allotted to Lecturer Pankaj Singh in a back-dated order. Mr Pankaj is the son of the VC of Bikaner University, who was earlier Pro-VC of KU. After hearing counsel for the petitioner, Mr Justice Virender Singh issued notice for December 13.

- Notice to VC, *Tribune*. October 30, 2004: 3.

Chawla, Kalpana

The National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA) of America has dedicated a new supercomputer SGI(r) Altix (tm) 3000 in the memory of India-born astronaut Kalpana Chawla, one of the seven crew members aboard space shuttle Columbia, which crashed on February 1, 2002.

- NASA names supercomputer after Kalpana. *Tribune*. August 5, 2004: 9.
- In brief : Dedicated. *Hindu*. August 5, 2004 : 1, 12.

Cheema, Daljit Singh (Dr)

Dr Daljit Singh Cheema was on January 18 appointed Secretary of the SAD. The Political Affairs Committee, which approved his appointment at its meeting also decided to set up a media office at Jalandhar. SAD Secretary-General Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa said Dr Cheema would also be the party's principal media coordinator during the forthcoming parliamentary elections.

- D.S. Cheema named SAD Secy. *Tribune*. January 19, 2004: 5.

Chhabria, Vidya

56-year-old Ms. Vidya Chhabria, Chairperson of the $2-billion Jumbo Group has been ranked at the 38th position amongst the 50 most powerful women in business internationally in the annual ranking titled International Power 50 by the *Fortune* magazine in its October 2004 issue.

- Vidya Chhabria in Fortune's list of top 50 powerful women. *Tribune*.

October 12, 2004: 15.

Vidya Chhabria, Chairperson of the Jumbo group is the only Indian to be listed as the 50 most powerful women in business internationally by the *Fortune* magazine in its latest issue. Ranked at 38th position, Ms. Chhabria has been featured in this list for the third time.

– In brief: Vidya Chhabria in Fortune list. *Hindu.* October 12, 2004: 16.

Chhatrapati, Ramchandra

The Haryana Governor, Babu Parmanand on January 19 presented a cheque of Rs 5 lakh to Mrs Kulwant Kaur w/o Late Ramchandra Chhatrapati, Journalist at a simple function organised by the Haryana Patrakar Sangh at Haryana Raj Bhavan, Chandigarh.

– Rs 5 lakh for newsman's widow. *Tribune.* January 20, 2004: 7.

Chhatwal, T.S. (Air Vice-Marshal)

Delivering a judgement on the petition of Air Vice-Marshals T.S. Chhatwal and Harish Masand challenging the selection procedure of the Indian Air Force, the Delhi High Court on November 8 quashed the promotion of four Air Marshals as also the entire procedure of the Special Promotion Board (SPB) of February 2003.

– HC quashes promotion of 4 Air Marshals. *Tribune.* November 9, 2004 : 1, 13.

– In Brief : Quashed. *Hindu.* November 9, 2004: 1, 12.

An editorial in *Tribune* writes : "The Board's (Special Promotion Board of IAF) abuse of discretionary powers is evident from the fact that though Air Vice-Marshal Chhatwal and Air Vice-Marshal Masand had a better career record than the four promoted Air Marshals, the marks scored by them were disproportionate to their overall record and performance".

– Editorial: Cracks in the wings: Delhi HC upholds the rule of law. *Tribune.* November 10, 2004 : 10.

Chhetri, Sanjog

Late paratrooper Sanjog Chhetri of 9 PARA (SF), who laid down his life on April 22, 2003 while busting a terrorist hide-out in Hill Kaka area of Jammu, would be honoured with Ashok Chakra on January 26, 2004, by the President of India.

– Ashok Chakra for two. *Tribune.* January 23, 2004: 2.

Chidambaram, P.

P. Chidambaram, the former Union Finance Minister and Congress backed candidate from Sivaganga parliamentary constitutency is the richest among all the candidates who have filed their nominations for the Lok Sabha poll to be held in Tamil Nadu on May 10, 2004. In his mandatory declaration to the Election Commission (EC), Chidambaram declared that his immediate family owned assets worth more than Rs. 15 crore.

– Chidambaram is worth Rs. 15 crore. *Tribune*. April 21, 2004 : 7.

Mr. P. Chidambaram gets Finance in the Union Cabinet of the Indian Government on May 23. (*Hindu.* May 24, 2004)

The Finance Minister, P. Chidambaram, presented on July 8 a well-crafted budget with stress on farm, social sectors. Proposals include new transaction tax on share deals, health insurance scheme for poor, rise in FDI limits in the telecom sector. (*Hindu.* July 9, 2004)

A brief : note on the achievements of P. Chidambaram are brought out by the *Tribune*.

– Swarup, Harihar. Profile: A meteoric rise in politics. Sunday *Tribune.* July 11, 2004: 13.

Finance Minister P. Chidambaram heads the Empowered Group of Ministers (GoM) for fixing the price of PSU shares for disinvestment. The announcement regarding this Empowered Group was made by the Government on October 14.

– GoM to fix PSU share prices for disinvestment. *Tribune*. October 15, 2004: 15.

The Congress Janayaga Peravai floated by the Finance Minister, P. Chidambaram merges with the Congress on Nov. 25. (*Hindu.* Nov. 26, 2004)

Chitaranjan, Pebam

Pebam Chitaranjan, a 28-year-old student leader from Manipur who had attempted self immolation on August 15, succumbed to his injuries on August 16, at the Regional Institute of Medical Science Hospital, Imphal. Chitaranjan was advisor to the Manipur Students Federation.

– Tension in Manipur as student leader dies: Call for boycott of Indian goods. *Tribune*. August 17, 2004: 2.

Chopra, Jagjit Singh (Dr)

Dr Jagjit Singh Chopra, Professor Emeritus, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGI), and founder President of the Indian Academy of Neurology, is in line to become the first neurologist from developing nations to head the World Federation of Neurology (WFN). The WFN with 30,000 neurologists from 90 nations as its members elects its President from among three Presidential candidates cleared by its Nominating Committee. Professor Chopra is one of three candidates which the committee has cleared for the position of President. A versatile personality, Professor Chopra had been the head of the Department of Neurology at the PGI for 27 years before he became the founder Principal-Director of Sector 32 Government Medical College Hospital. He is recipient of several prestigious awards, including Pelipa Surya Kumari Award, Dr B.C. Roy National Award, MS Sen Oration Award, Amrut Research Award and also Indian Council of Medical Research and University Grant Commission awards.

– Professor Chopra may head world neuro body. *Tribune*. November 29, 2004: 3.

Chopra, V.K.

Mr. V.K. Chopra assumed the charge as Chairman and Managing Director of Corporation Bank on December 9. Earlier he was the CMD of SIDBI.

– Chopra to head Corporation Bank. *Hindu*. December 11, 2004 : 16.

Chowdhary, Ashish

Mr. Ashish Chowdhary has been appointed by the Nokia Networks, as the Country Head for India and South Asia operations. Before joiing Nokia, he worked with Hughes Network Systems, U.S., and Hughes Escorts Communications, India.

– In brief: New Nokia Country Manager. *Hindu*. February 10, 2004: 17.

Chowdhury, Bula

Bula Chowdhury (34) becomes the first woman to swim across seven important seas by swimming across the Palk Straits from Talaimannar in Sri Lanka to Dhanushkodi in Tamil Nadu on Aug. 20. (*Hindu*. Aug. 21, 2004)

Chugh, Kewal Krishna

In a widely reported case in the media, Mr. Kewal Krishna Chugh, a programme officer with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) was transferred from Delhi to the Thiruvananthapuram office because he incorrectly spelt the name of Priyanka (Sonia Gandhi's daughter) on an invitation card. Instead of 'Vadra' he had spelt the surname as 'Vadhera'. The invitation in question was for the presentation ceremony of the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding conferred on the Singapore prime minister on June 27.

– Sinha, Bhadra. Want a transfer? Just spellout Priyanaka 'Vadhera'. *Times of India*. July 24, 2004 : 10.

Chugh, Navneet S.

American Bar Association (ABA) has named attorney Navneet S. Chugh the annual Bar leader for 2004. 42-year-old Chugh is an Attorney-at-Law, a Certified Public Accountant and an MBA from the University of Southern California. The prestigious bar leadership award was given away to him by the former Governor of Georgia, Roy E. Barnes. The ABA is one of the largest associations in the US with 350,000 members.

– Indian named US Bar leader. *Tribune.* October 6, 2004: 9.

Cristiano Junior

Brazilian striker Cristiano Junior of Dempo collapsed during the finals of the Federation Cup Football Championship in Bangalore's Kanteerava stadium on December 5. Cristiano scored the team's second goal in a 2-0 triumph over Mohun Bagan and collapsed at the far end of the field. He was declared dead on arrival at the Hosmat Hospital.

– Nair, Avinash. Cristiano's demise dampens Dempo's win. *Hindu.* December 6, 2004: 16.

– Tragic end to a promising career. *Hindu.* December 6, 2004: 16.

– Dempo star striker Cristiano dies after scoring goal. *Tribune.* December 6, 2004: 18.

– Underfire Paul pleads innocence. *Tribune.* December 9, 2004: 18.

"Cristiano, who had donned the colours of the Dempo club died of a "collision" with Mohun Bagan goal keeper Subroto Paul. Cristiano fell to what is described as a "nasty plunge" from Paul just after he had pushed the ball to the nets. Regardless of whether Subroto Paul's action — deliberate or otherwise — is the cause of the fatal end of a promising career, the tragic incident takes the lid off the rot in Indian football. The game is becoming increasingly violent, if not murderous."

– Editorial : Cristiano's last goal : Death of a footballer. *Tribune.* December 10, 2004: 10.

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Dadan Singh

Dadan Singh, the Minister of State for Commercial Taxes in Bihar, was sacked by the Chief Minister Ms Rabri Devi on April 2 for defying RJD supremo Mr. Laloo Yadav and filing nomination against Party's candidate from the Buxor Lok Sabha constituency.

– Rabri sacks minister. *Sunday Tribune.* April 4, 2004 : 2.

Dadhwal, Suresh D. Singh (Lt.)

Lt. Suresh D. Singh Dadhwal has bagged the Sword of Honour, the highest laurel the Indian Military Academy awards to a cadet at the passing out parade on December 10. Lieutenant Dadhwal was also the recipient of the President's Gold Medal for merit during training and overall excellence. He belongs to Una in Himachal Pradesh.

– Himachal cadet bags Sword of Honour. *Tribune.* December 11, 2004: 1.

Dahiya, R.P. (Dr.)

In a surprise move, the Vice-Chancellor of Chaudhary Devi Lal University, Dr.R.P.Dahiya, has submitted his resignation .With his resignation, the future of one and a half years old CDLU hangs in the balance. Dr.Dahiya is the second official after its Registrar, Dr. R.C.Dahiya , to quit the University. Officials say the Vice-Chancellor had been asked to tender his resignation, as the political bosses of the State were not happy with his style of functioning. In recent faculty appointments, he had accommodated certain candidates having proximity to opposition parties, that had invited the warth of the INLD leadership.

– Devi Lal varsity VC resigns. *Tribune.* October 14, 2004:7.

Daipai, Rampal

Punjab Congress President H.S. Hanspal appointed Ram Pal Daipai as the PPCC general secretary. He will organise mass contact programme for the Congress.

– Daipai is PPCC gen secy. *Tribune.* January 30, 2004: 5.

Dalmiya, Jagmohan

A city Civil Court on September 29 restrained the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) from confirming the resolution passed on September 12 nominating outgiong President Jagmohan Dalmiya as Patron-in-Chief at a special annual general body. Seventh Assistant City Civil Court Judge Mohideen Pitchai granted the interim injunction on a petition filed by a fourth division league team Bharati Cricket Club.

– Stay at Dalmiya as Patron-in-Chief. *Tribune.* September 30, 2004: 18.

Damodaran, M.

M. Damodaran quits as Chairman and Managing Director of UTI Mutual Fund and Administrator of UTI-I on Dec 19. (*Hindu.* Dec. 20, 2004)

Dangwal, Viren

Hindi Poet, Viren Dangwal won the Sahitya Akademi Award for 2004 on Dec 22. (*Hindu.* Dec. 23, 2004)

Dar, Abdul Rashid

The Opposition National Conference expels the J&K Legislative Council Chairman, Abdul Rashid Dar, from the party, for adjourning the house sine die without any voting on the Permanent Resident (Disqualification Bill, 2004). (*Hindu.* March 12, 2004)

Dar, Ghulam Rasool

Ghulam Rasool Dar, overall commander of the Hizbul-Mujahideen's J&K operations, is shot dead by the Army at a house in Zainakot on the outskirts of Srinagar. (*Hindu.* January 17, 2005)

Dar, Rafiq Ahmed

Rafiq Ahmed Dar, the overall commander of military operations for the terrorist group Al-Umar was shot dead in an operation in Srinagar on February 5. According to the media reports, Dar was second in the Al-Umar hierarchy, only to its supreme leader, Mushtaq Ahmad Zargar.

– Swami, Praveen. Top terrorist shot dead in Sringar. *Hindu.* February 7, 2004 : 11.

Darji, Jinabhai

Jinabhai Darji (85), a verteran Gujarat Congress leader and author of KHAM strategy died in Surat on Aug. 31. (*Hindu.* Sept. 1, 2004)

Das, Samar Ranjan

Samar Ranjan Das, a noted economist died in New Delhi on July 28. (*Hindu.* July 29, 2004)

Das, Tarun

The Director-General of the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) will demit office on May 31, 2004, according to the media reports. He will continue to serve the CII as "Chief Mentor" and will coordinate the Global

Advisory Council for the CII Mr. Das is credited in making the CII into an influential association.

– Das to step down as CII director. *Tribune.* March 5, 2004 : 15.

Dasmunshi, Priya Ranjan

Veteran Congress leader from West Bengal, Priya Ranjan Dasmunshi was elected unopposed as the President of the All India Football Federation on December 28. This is his fourth term as AIFF President.

– Soccer czar reigns on : Dasmunshi is AIFF chief for 4th term. *Times of India.* December 29, 2004 : 18.

Dave, Laxmi Narayan

Former Rajasthan Minister Laxmi Narayan Dave faces a non-bailable warrant issued by a Railway Court in connection with a four-year-old case of alleged train stoppage and damaging rail property.

– Briefly : Warrant against Minister. *Tribune.* August 23, 2004: 1.

Dayanan, Divya (Dr.)

Dr. Divya Dayanan, an Indian doctor from Kerala, who was married to a Pakistani Mr. Aman Khan in July 2003, faces deportation to India as Pakistan Government has refused her request for a Pakistani citizenship. She had settled down in Mardan town of Pakistan and was working in one of the local hospitals. After her marriage Dr. Dayanan had converted to Islam and changed her name to Hafsa.

– Indian woman doc resists deportation from Pak. *Tribune.* July 10, 2004: 11.

Deka, S.

CRPF constable, S. Deka, in a fit of anger went on a shooting spree killing seven of his colleagues, including a company commander, at 152 battalion HQ in Baramula district of J&K. Being absent during the roll call, Deka was earlier reprimanded and given three days of fatigue duty, a kind of punishment.

– CRPF jawan goes on rampage, kills seven colleagues. *Tribune.* November 29, 2004: 1.

Deo, Bhubaneswar Singh

Mr. Bhubaneswar Singh Deo belonging to the erstwhile royal family of Khariar in Nuapara district of Orissa and an accused in the widely reported child torture case was arrested on August 1 from Kantabanjhi railway station. The whereabouts of his wife and another accused in the case were not known. A case had been registered against the accused after the Khariar police found on eight year-old orphaned boy with severe burns and fractured bones in their Lal Mahal palace.

– Child torture case : royal family member arrested. *Hindu*. August 2, 2004: 13.

Desai, Sirajuddin Mohammed Ibrahim

Sirajuddin Mohammed Ibrahim Desai, the high court Judge of SouthAfrica was discharged by a Mumbai court on April 29. Desai was charged with raping a woman of his own country during the World Social Forum meet in Mumbai.

– Briefly : SA Judge absolved of rape charge. *Tribune*. April 30, 2004: 1.

Deshmukh, Rajiv

India-born and US-based hardware engineer Mr. Rajiv Deshmukh and his team at Cisco has designed the Key processor chips for the world's largest, fastest router — a device that connects computer networks and helps them swap packets of data. Carrier Routing System (CRS-1), is specifically tailored to Internet and data service providers, shifts data at a whopping 92 terabits a second, at least 100 times larger than any existing offering.

– Parthasarathy, Anand. Indian brains push Cisco router into Guinness record book. *Hindu.* July 6, 2004: 7.

Deshmukh, Vilasrao

Mr. Vilasrao Deshmukh on October 29, was elected by the Congress MLAs to be Maharashtra's Chief Minister for the second time. Media reports say that Deshmukh enjoys the strong support of the Maratha community which saw him sailing past outgoing Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde in the race for Chief Ministership.

– Shiv Kumar Deshmukh to be CM: Maratha lobby prevails. *Tribune.* October 30, 2004: 1, 2.

Mr Vilasrao Deshmukh was sworn in as the 24th Chief Minister of Maharashtra along with the Deputy Chief Minister, Mr R.R. Patil. This is Deshmukh's second term as the Chief Minister having held the same post from October 18, 1999 to January 17, 2003. The swearing-in ceremony saw scores of political activists from the constituencies of Deshmukh and Patil. A number of senior leaders from both the parties were in attendance.

– Vilasrao sworn in Mahrashtra CM. *Tribune.* November 2, 2004: 2.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Vilasrao Deshmukh on November 9, inducted all heavyweights into his 40-member Council of Ministers. Former Deputy

Chief Ministers Chhagan Bhujbal and Mr. Vijaysinh Mohite-Patil also find place in Deshmukh's team.

– Deshmukh Ministry sworn in: Most Cong., NCP heavyweights inducted. *Tribune.* November 10, 2004: 2.

Deuri, Indira alias Jenny

Assamese woman, Jenny alias Indira Deuri who had accused the former Uttaranchal Minister Harak Singh Rawat of fathering her child last year, took a U-turn on July 18. She absolved Mr. Rawat of all charges, "Rawat is not the father of my child, he is not only innocent but also a great man".

– Vashishtha, Swati. Ex-minister on indefinite fast: Unwed mother scandal. *Tribune.* July 19, 2004: 2.

Devendra Mohan

Mr. Devendra Mohan, a senior journalist of the *Business India* was on July 24 elected Chairman of Press Club, Mumbai for 2004-2005.

– New Chairman of Press Club. *Hindu.* July 25, 2004: 7.

Devinder Kumar (Lt Gen.)

Lt-Gen Davinder Kumar VSM and Bar, an officer of the 1965 batch, will take over as the Signal Officer-in-Chief and Senior Colonel Commandant of the Corps of Signals on February 1. Prior to this appointment, he was the Additional Director-General Information Systems at Army Headquarters. A highly decorated officer, he has served with distinction in a variety of command, staff and instructional appointments in various terrains and environment, including counter insurgency operations.

– Lt Gen Devinder made Signal Officer-in-Chief. *Tribune.* February 1, 2004: 2.

Devpura, Heeralal

Mr. Heeralal Devpura (79) the former Rajasthan Chief Minister died in Jaipur on December 22 following brief illness. He was the Chief Minister for a brief period from February 22 to March 9, 1985.

– Former Rajasthan CM passes away. *Hindu.* December 24, 2004: 5.

Dewan, Rajan

The Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, has appointed Mr Rajan Dewan as Additional Central Government Standing Counsel for conducting the Central Government cases and for conduct of the cases filed against public officers while in service of the Central Government before the High Court of Himachal Pradesh in Shimla.

– Dewan made standing counsel. *Tribune.* November 27, 2004: 15.

Dewan, Shalini

Shalini Dewan has been appointed as the new Director of the United Nations Information Centre in New Delhi by the United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan. A post-graduate in journalism, Ms. Dewan did her B.A. (Honours) in English from Panjab University, Chandigarh. She began her career with the United Nations in 1978 as an Information Officer in the Department of Public Information in New York.

– Chandigarh girl, UNIC Director. *Sunday Tribune.* August 22, 2004: 13.

Dhaddha, Siddha Raj

The Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation has announced the ninth Mahaveer Awards 2003 in the fields on nonviolence and vegetarianism, education and medicine, and community and social service. Each award carries a cash of Rs. 5 lakh, a citation and memento. The awards will be presented at a function in New Delhi in January, N. Sugalchand Jain, Managing Trustee of the Foundation, said on November 30. The award for non-violence and vegetarianism has been bagged by Siddha Raj Dhaddha of Jaipur, Rajasthan. Mr. Dhaddha (95) is a strong advocate of vegetarianism and animal welfare. He is a staunch supporter of "gau-seva" (cow protection).

– Mahaveer award for Dhaddha. *Hindu.* Dec. 2, 2004: 13.

Dhanak, Amar Singh

Former Haryana minister and Congress leader Amar Singh Dhanak was killed in a road accident in the wee hours on Nov 27 morning.

– Ex-minister Dhanak killed in mishap. *Tribune.* November 28, 2004: 7.

Dharam Singh, N.

The Congress leader, Dharam Singh Narayan Singh on May 27, is sworn in Karnataka Chief Minister heading the first-ever coalition Government in the State. Siddaramaiah of the Janata Dal(S) is the Deputy Chief Minister. (*Hindu.* May 28, 2004)

After receiving a phone call from the Congress President, Sonia Gandhi, the Chief Minister rushed to New Delhi on December 2. He was closeted with the Congress General Secretary incharge of Karnataka affairs and former Chief Minister of Kerala, K. Antony, and the Political Secretary to the Congress President, Ahmed Patel, for most part of the day after a 30-minute meeting with Ms. Sonia Gandhi.

– Dharam Singh holds talks with Sonia, Antony. *Hindu.* December 3, 2004: 8.

Dharamendra

Film actor Dharamendra filed his nomination from the Bikaner Lok Sabha constituency in Rajasthan as a BJP candidate on April 15. Bikaner is a jat dominated belt of the desert State.

– Briefly : Dharamendra files papers. *Tribune.* April 16, 2004: 7.

A nikahnama purportedly of actor-turned BJP candidate from Bikaner, Dharmendra and actress Hema Malini was submitted in court to support the Congress claims that he had concealed his religion while filing nominations. April 24 was fixed as the next date of hearing. Hema Malini was also charged with concealing her religion while taking oath as a Rajya Sabha member.

– Case filed against Dharmendra. *Tribune.* April 19, 2004 : 20.

– Dharmendra's 'nikahnama' presented in court. *Tribune.* April 23, 2004 : 2.

– Court reserves order in Dharmendra case. *Tribune.* April 27, 2004: 13.

– Plea against Dharmendra dismissed. *Tribune.* April 29, 2004: 20.

Dhariwal, Rasik

Rasik Dhariwal, proprietor of Manikchand gutkha and J.M. Joshi, proprietor of the Goa brand of gutkha are under the scanner of Mumbai police for their alleged links with Dawood Ibrahim. They are out of the country. Police suspects them of having provided money and technology to the gangster.

– Shiv Kumar. Gutkha firm owners under scanner. *Sunday Tribune.* December 5, 2004 : 2.

Dhasal, Namdeo Lakshman

Marathi poet Namdeo Lakshman Dhasal, whose pioneering work in Dalit literature effectively changed the course of Indian literature, was conferred the Sahitya Akademi's Lifetime Achievement Award by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh at the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Akademi in New Delhi.

– Lifetime Achievement Award for Namdeo. *Tribune.* Nov. 2, 2004: 16.

Dhawan, Vinod

Lupin has appointed Vinod Dhawan as President—business development (Latin America, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand). Mr Dhawan will be responsible for the development of Lupins business strategy for these markets, with focus on, among others, product selection, entry strategy, marketing and sales, and regulatory compliance. Mr Dhawan will report to Dr Kamal

K. Sharma, Managing Director, Lupin.

– Lupin president. *Tribune.* January 9, 2004 : 13.

Dhillon, Baljit Singh

India's veteran forward Baljit Singh Dhillon may be forced to miss the remaining three matches in the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup due to fractured nose.

– Dhillon may miss remaining ties. *Tribune.* January 13, 2004: 16.

Veteran hockey player Baljit Singh Dhillon, who missed the flight to USA on June 2 after failing to procure the visa, was granted visa on June 3. He leaves for USA on June 4 evening to take part in a 21-day training camp alongwith 25 other Olympic probables in Hockey. IHF President KPS Gill on June 3 requested US Embassy to grant Dhillon a visa. He gave personal guarantee after which the visa was issued.

– *Tribune.* June 4, 2004 : 18.

Dhillon, J.S.

J.S. Dhillon, the Principal of Khalsa College, Amritsar has been in considerable media limelight for allegedly masterminding a plot to eliminate some students to end strike in the College as also for the 'controversial admission' of his son in B. Tech (Electronics) course of Guru Nanak Dev University, (Amritsar).

– Talwar, Rashmi. Khalsa College Principal again under cloud. *Tribune.* October 6, 2004: 6.

Dhindsa, Kuldeep Singh (Dr)

The Indian Chemical Society has honoured Dr Kuldeep Singh Dhindsa, a senior scientist of Haryana Agricultural University, for his researches. According to a University spokesperson, the award was presented to him by Professor Ramesh Chandra, President of the Society, at the annual conference of the Society recently held at Bundelkhand University, Jhansi.

– Scientist honoured. *Tribune.* January 18, 2004: 9.

Prof. Kuldeep Singh Dhindsa, a scientist at the Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, has been nominated by the National Environmental Science Academy for the Best Scientist of the Year Award-2003.' He shall be conferred the award in Delhi on April 24, in recognition of his outstanding contribution in the field of pure and applied chemistry and for commendable efforts in developing environment-friendly agro-chemicals.

– Best scientist award for Prof. Dhindsa. *Tribune.* March 9, 2004: 7.

Dhindsa, Sukhdev Singh

Mr Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa, Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers and Mr J.S. Grewal have been re-elected President and Secretary-General of the Cycling Federation of India (CFI). Representatives of all affiliated units of the CFI attended the meeting held at Ludhiana on January 21.

– Dhindsa re-elected CFI Chief. *Tribune.* January 22, 2004: 16.

Dhirendra Singh

UPA Government on June 29 decided to shift Union Home Secretary, Anil Baijal as Secretary, Urban Development Ministry and to appoint Mr Dhirendra Singh as the new Home Secretary.

– Dhirendra to be new Home Secretary. *Tribune.* June 30: 2.

Dixit, J.N.

Former Foreign Secretary, J.N. Dixit, has been appointed as the National Security Advisor on May 26 in the Prime Minister's Office for a period of three years or till further orders, whichever is earlier. National Security Adviser (NSA) is a Minister of State-rank post which was held by Mr Brajesh Mishra in the Vajpayee Government since 1998 — the first time in the history of independent India when the post was created. A career diplomat, Mr Dixit joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1958. He has held several key positions in the Foreign Service, including India's High Commissioner to Pakistan and Sri Lanka and Ambassador to Afghanistan. He was India's first High Commissioner to Bangladesh soon after its liberation from Pakistan in 1971. Mr Dixit joined the Congress party more than a year ago. He was appointed deputy to Mr K. Natwar Singh who was the Chairman of the Party's Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mr Dixit played a crucial role in formulating the party's agenda on defence, security and foreign policy matters before elections to the 14th Lok Sabha.

– *Tribune*. May 27: 1, 20.
– *Hindu*. May 27: 1.

On May 27 J.N. Dixit took charge as the new National Security Advisor for a three-year term.

– *Tribune.* May 28: 2.

The allocation of work between the National Security Adviser, J.N. Dixit, and the Special Adviser to the Prime Minister, M.K. Narayanan, has been formalised. The division of work, detailed in an internal office order, indicates Mr. Dixit's emergence as a powerful bureaucratic player.

As the National Security Adviser (NSA) to the Prime Minister, Mr. Dixit shall monitor all matters relating to the Ministry of External Affairs, the Ministry of Defence, the Department of Space, the Department of Atomic Energy, the National Security Council Secretariat, the two premier agencies — the Intelligence Bureau and the Research and Analysis Wing — and the National Authority for Chemical Weapons Convention. Importantly, the NSA will deal with senior appointments in these Ministries. That means that he will be vetting the files relating to all appointments which require the approval of the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet. This makes Mr. Dixit a crucially empowered bureaucratic player. The NSA will also vet the draft minutes of the Cabinet Committee on Security. Mr. Dixit has been empowered to take note of matters relating to any ministry/department "that impinge on internal or external security or have strategic or foreign policy implications." Mr. Dixit will also chair the Intelligence Coordination Group, the Technical Cooperation Group and the National Information Board, all key roles that ensure a critical voice for him in decision-making. The icing on the cake that in all these matters Mr. Dixit will not have to report to the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Prithvi Raj Chavan); he reports directly to the Prime Minister. Only in matters of parliamentary questions relating to the Departments of Space and Atomic Energy does Mr. Chavan get to oversee Mr. Dixit. The Special Adviser to the Prime Minister, Mr. Narayanan will be a kind of internal security boss, including left-wing extremism, communal and other forms of violence, border problems, economic crimes, developments in the neighbouring countries that impinge on India's national security concerns, insurgency in the North-East and Jammu and Kashmir and terrorism and militancy. All relevant intelligence agencies and paramilitary organisations have been instructed to share their reports with the Special Adviser.

– Khare. Harish. J.N. Dixit emerges a key player. *Hindu*. July 10, 2004: 11.

Dixit, Sheila

Apprehensive of stoking another controversy over privatisation of power in the Capital, the Delhi Government is understood to have rejected a proposal by the private power distribution companies to increase their equity holding from the present 51 per cent to 77 per cent. The companies had been putting pressure on the Government to dilute its equity in their favour and were being supported by group of bureaucrats within the Delhi Government.

– Sheila's no to equity dilution in discoms. *Hindu*. December 3, 2004: 4.

Dosanjh, Ujjal

Mr. Ujjal Dosanjh, former premier of British Columbia, Canada, has been sworn in as Canada's Health Minister. Mr. Dosanjh, 56, came to Canada from Punjab in 1968, struggled hard as a teenager in a lumber factory. He became law graduate in 1978 and played a significant role in British Columbia's public life.

– Thukral, Gobind. Canadian medicare to test Dosanjh's mettle. *Tribune*. July 23, 2004: 9.

Doval, Ajit Kumar

Ajit Kumar Doval is likely to be appointed as the next Director of Intelligence Bureau (I.B.), India's premier internal intelligence agency. According to media reports, Doval's appointment ends, weeks of shadow-boxing within IB.

– Briefly: Doval is IB Director. *Tribune*. July 8, 2004: 1.

Ajit Kumar Doval, an IPS officer of 1968 batch of Kerala cadre was on July 9 appointed as the new Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB). His appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet on July 9. Media reports say that Doval is a highly rated anti-insurgency expert, having played a pivotal role in Punjab and Mizo Accords during Rajiv Gandhi regime. He has been decorated with the Kirti Chakra. He is due for superannuation on January 31, 2005.

– New Intelligence Bureau chief. *Hindu*. July 10, 2004: 11.

Drabu, Hasseb A.

Mr. Hasseb A. Drabu, Economic Advisor to the Mufti Mohammad Sayeed Government will be the new Chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Bank. RBI has approved his appointment.

– Briefly : J&K Bank Chief. *Tribune*. August 21, 2004: 17.

Dravid, Rahul

Dravid was charged under clause 2-10 of the ICC's code of conduct which deals with changing the condition of the ball, by match referee Clive Lloyd on January 20 night during Zimbabwe's innings in a match which India won by 24 runs. He however escaped the maximum penalty of a two match ban. Dravid was spotted applying on the ball a sweet lozenge, an innocent mistake.

– Indians spring to Dravid's defence. *Tribune*. January 22, 2004: 16.

Rahul Dravid wins the coveted 'The Player of the Year' and 'The Test Player of the Year' and Irfan Pathan the 'Emerging Player of the Year' in the inaugural ICC Awards ceremony in London on Sept 8. (*Hindu*. Sept 9, 2004)

Rahul Dravid on Nov 4 moved past former skipper Sunil Gavaskar's record for the number of catches taken by an Indian fielder other than the wicket-keeper. Dravid, who fields in the slips, took a catch at first slip when opener Justin Langer edged new ball bowler Zaheer Khan in the seventh over of Australian innings. It was Dravid's 109th catch in his 82nd Test and it helped him surge past Gavaskar's mark of 108 from 125 Tests that the Bangalore player had caught up with in the Australian first innings in the third Test at Nagpur.

– Rahul's record. *Tribune.* November 5, 2004: 18.

Rahul Dravid on Nov. 5 became the third Indian batsman and the 24th in the world to complete 7,000 Tests runs during the home team's second innings on the third day of the fourth and final Test against Australia. Player in his 82nd match, the 31-year-old Bangalore stalwart needed five runs to reach the milestone when he replaced Sachin Tendulkar at the crease. He reached the record in style, glancing Glenn McGrath off the second ball after lunch (he was not out at 3 at the interval) for a four to stand just ahead of Sir Donald Bradman of Australia (6996 runs) in the Test run-getters' list. Only two other Indians — Sunil Gavaskar and Sachin Tendulkar have crossed the 7000-run mark in Tests.

– Rahul Dravid completes 7000 Test runs. *Tribune.* November 6, 2004: 18.

Rahul Dravid becomes the only batsman in the world to score a ton in all Test playing Nations with his century against Bangladesh in the second Test at Chittagong on Dec 17. (*Hindu.* Dec 18, 2004)

Dua, H.K.

The prestigious fourth C.K. Pithwala National Award for 2002 was given to the Editor-in-Chief of the *Tribune*, Mr H.K. Dua, at a special function. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Dua called upon the young generation to keep up a social mission-related temperament to bring about changes in society. "Freedom fighters, including journalists of yesteryear, had taken up the mission for freedom and to remove the traditional social evils. We have to follow in their footsteps," he said. Veteran Gandhian leader Narayan Desai, who was the chief guest, said "today's generation of journalists lacks sincerity and capability. They fail to go to the root cause and rely on material given, which is harmful to the profession and even to society."

– National award for H.K. Dua. *Tribune.* January 19, 2004: 20.

Dua, Parshottam Dass

The vigilance team, led by Mr Balkar Singh Sidhu, SP, and Jaipal Singh, DSP, raided the Power Colony residence of Chief Engineer Parshottam

Dass Dua at around 9 am and caught him red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 25,000 from a private contractor engaged in manufacturing electricity cables.

- Chief Engineer caught taking bribe. *Tribune.* September 30, 2004: 4.

Dutt, Shekhar

Mr. Shekhar Dutt, an IAS officer of the 1969 batch of Madhya Pradesh cadre has assumed charge as Secretary Defence Production and Supplies in the Ministry of Defence. Dutt is a recipient of Sena Medal for gallantry.

- Shekhar Dutt is Secy Defence Production. *Tribune.* August 5, 2004: 2.

Dutt, Sunil

Sunil Dutt, the silverscreen idol of yesteryear and two-time MP is the richest of all Lok Sabha candidates from Mumbai, with net worth at over Rs. 22 crore. Dutt filed his property details on April 6.

- Briefly: Sunil richest among Mumbai nominees. *Tribune.* April 8, 2004: 7.

Union Sports Minister Mr. Sunil Dutt on July 14 made a surprise visit to the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium to make a first-hand assessment of the conditions and facilities provided to Olympics-bound sportspersons and others. He also turned up in the evening.

- Unnikrishnan, M.S. and G.S. Kaura. Sunil Dutt catches SAI officials by surprise. *Tribune.* July 15, 2004: 18.
- Editorial : Neglected sportspersons: When will the mindset change? *Tribune.* July 17, 2004: 10.

The Govt of India named Sports Minister, Sunil Dutt as the Chairman of the Organising Committee of the forthcoming Commonwealth Games of 2010 in Delhi.

- Panel head. *Hindu.* October 26, 2004: 1.

Sports Minister Sunil Dutt seems not too happy with the functioning of the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF), which had come under flak from the Ministry over six months ago for its 'non-transparent' selection policy.

- Dutt unhappy over IHF's functioning. *Hindu.* December 2, 2004: 20.

Dutta, Rono J.

Mr. Rono J. Dutta has taken over as the President of the Air Sahara. He replaces Uttam Kumar Bose. Dutta was earlier the Chief of the United Airlines.

- New President for Air Sahara. *Hindu.* July 11, 2004: 13.

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F

Fernandes, George

Justice S.N. Phukan, who is heading a one-man inquiry commission into the Tehelka expose that had put Defence Minister George Fernandes and his Ministry in the dock over charges of bribery, on February 4 said that he had not given a clean chit to the Minister. In an apparent effort to clear the air over reports that he had exonerated Mr Fernandes of all allegations that had been levelled against him in the Tehelka expose, Justice Phukan said: "I have not given a clean chit to Mr George Fernandes. I have only submitted an interim report". Justice Phukan submitted his first report on the expose to Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on February 4. The first part of the report dealt with 15 defence deals that found a mention in the tapes. The second part, which deals with the Tehelka allegations, would deal with the "reputation" of Mr Fernandes, Justice Phukan said.

- No clean chit to Fernandes, says Justice Phukan. *Tribune.* February 5, 2004: 1.

India's former Defence Minister, George Fernandes was "strip-searched" during his two visits to the United States, first in January 2002 and subsequently in 2003 at the New York airport. The news of George Fernandes body searches came in media glare through a recent book by the former U.S. Deputy Secretary of State, Strobe Talbott.

- Baruah, Amit. Fernandes was body-searched: Mansingh. *Hindu.* July 14, 2004: 11.
- Editorial : Stars and strips: By George, Uncle Sam is unkind. *Tribune.* July 14, 2004: 10.

The visiting US Deputy Secretary of State, Mr. Richard Armitage, on July 14, telephoned George Fernandes and apologised for his strip-searching twice during his official visits to the USA.

An FIR was filed against JD(U) chief George Fernandes by the Muzaffarpur district administration in Bihar on December 25, charging him with violating the model code of conduct. The allegation was that money was given to a woman. The woman had attempted suicide on December 23 due to poverty.

- Balchand, K. FIR filed against Fernandes for "violation" of model code. *Hindu.* December 26, 2004: 1.

- Woman unable to identify person who gave her Rs.500. *Tribune.* December 27, 2004 : 2.
- Fernandes denies charge. *Hindu.* December 27, 2004: 11.

G

Gadaria, Rambabu Dayaram

Notorious dacoit Rambabu Dayaram Gadaria's gang on October 29 killed 13 innocent villagers in Bhanwarpura village near Gwalior. Police sources say that this is the only incident in the history of Madhya Pradesh that 13 persons were gunned down by dacoits in a single incident.

– Shastri, Lalit. Babulal Gaur visits scene of massacre. *Hindu.* October 31, 2004: 7.

Gaddar, Balladeer

Balladeer Gaddar, a leader of the People's War, addressed a public meeting at the Nizam College Grounds in Hyderabad on September 30. Government of Andhra Pradesh lifted the ban on People's War in July 2004.

– *Hindu.* October 1, 2004: 1.

Gadhvi, B.K.

Mr. B.K. Gadhvi was appointed the President of the Gujarat Pradesh Congress Committee on January 31 by the Congress President Sonia Gandhi. Gadhvi was a Minister of State for Finance between 1986 and 1989 in the Rajiv Gandhi Government and belongs to the other backward classes. He replaces Congress MP Shankarsinh Waghela.

– Gadhvi, new Gujarat Congress Chief. *Hindu.* February 1, 2004 : 8.

Gagandeep Singh

Punjab speedster Gagandeep Singh was rewarded for his consistent performance in domestic cricket with a berth in the 15-member Indian Test squad for the two-Test series against Bangladesh starting later this month. The 23-year-old rightarm seamer, the only new face in the squad, got the nod in place of Ashish Nehra who was ruled out because of an abdominal strain.

– Gagandeep replaces Nehra. *Tribune.* Dec. 3, 2004: 18.

Gandhi, Arun

Mr. Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi and head of M.K. Institute of Non-Violence in the USA, will kick-off an unarmed Palestinian movement against Isreali occupation in Ramallah on August 26. The campaign is being organised by a group of social and political activists in Ramallah.

- Briefly : Arun Gandhi to lead Palestinian movement. *Tribune.* August 14, 2004: 9.

Gandhi, G.K.

Mr. Gopal Krishna Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi has been appointed Governor of West Bengal. He replaces Mr. Viren J. Shah. Mr. Gandhi is a former bureaucrat who had served in several gubernatorial positions in European and African countries.

- G.K. Gandhi to be West Bengal Governor. *Tribune.* November 4, 2004 : 2.
- Gopal Gandhi has vast experience in political, constitutional issues. *Hindu.* December 4, 2004 : 11.

Gopalkrishna Gandhi was sworn in as West Bengal Governor on Dec 14. (*Hindu.* Dec. 15, 2004)

Gandhi, Maneka

Maneka Gandhi and her son Varun Gandhi joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on February 16 in New Delhi. Both expressed their desire to work under the leadership of Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

- Maneka, Varun join BJP. *Hindu.* February 17, 2004 : 11.

Maneka Gandhi joins the BJP at the central party office in New Delhi on Feb. 16. (*Hindu.* Feb. 17, 2004)

- Khare, Harish. Politics of Indira's grandchildren. *Hindu.* February 18, 2004: 10.

Gandhi, Rajiv

What could be a major boost to the Congress just before the General Election-2004, the Delhi High Court in an important ruling in the politically sensitive Rs 64 crore Bofors pay-off case on February 4 gave a clean chit to the then Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi, holding that there was no evidence to show that he or any public servant had got pecuniary benefits from Swedish company, AB Bofors in the howitzer gun deal.

- Delhi HC clears Rajiv Gandhi in Bofors case. *Tribune.* Feb. 5, 2004 : 1.
- Delhi High Court quashes bribery charges in Bofors case. *Hindu.* February 5, 2004 : 1.
- A special moment for me: Sonia. *Hindu.* February 5, 2004: 1.
- Editorial : Bofors without Rajiv Gandhi. *Hindu.* February 6, 2004: 10.

Gandhi, Sonia

An aggressive and confident Congress President, Sonia Gandhi appears all set to take on the NDA Government, in more way than one. Besides puting her house in order and building alliances for the coming Lok Sabha election, she is also sharpening her attack against the Government's claims and propaganda.

– Sonia talks of common minimum programme. *Tribune.* January 17, 2004 : 1.

Lashing out at the BJP for repeatedly raking up the issue of her foreign origin, Congress President Sonia Gandhi on January 11 said all she cared was for the people of the country and not for such criticism. "I don't know why these people (BJP workers) are afraid of a woman. I don't care. I just care for the people," she told reporters in Meerut, reacting to BJP's criticism about her foreign origin.

– Sonia raps BJP on origin issue. *Tribune.* January 12, 2004: 20.

Following is the text of the statement issued by Congress President Sonia Gandhi on May 19:

"When I spoke to the Congress Parliamentary Party yesterday, I expected that there would be some disappointment and some sadness. But I have been totally overwhelmed by the outpouring of emotion from nearly every corner of our country. And I have been humbled by the love and affection that has been so spontaneously expressed." "To all of you who are upset or disappointed, I have this to say: I am not going anywhere. I am still very much in politics. I will continue as Congress President and Chairperson, Congress Party in Parliament for as long as you want me to. I am one of you. And nothing will ever change that." "I entered politics out of a sense of duty and commitment. My family has always treated politics as part of a crusade to create a better India. Indiraji and Rajivji made the supreme sacrifice for our nation. Their examples inspired us all and speaking for myself, I know that I derive my strength from their courage. No matter how much adversity I have faced, it is nothing compared to what they had to go through. Today, it is their strength and their inspiration that guide me and the Congress Party. "I understand your disappointment. But I appeal to you to understand the depth of my sentiment, when I say that I cannot reverse my decision. We live in times when politics is about power. Let us show the world that for the Congress Party, politics is about values and integrity." "As I said, I am overwhelmed by your love. But now, we must get on with the serious business of undoing the damage done by the last government and of working to create the India of our dreams." "I urge you to support the Congress Prime Minister. And I request you to give your full support to the new Cabinet. The Congress Party is overflowing with talent. Let us give

India the government it deserves." "Speaking for myself. I will always be here, working for the Party. The Congress is my life. All of you are my family. Let us now build the 21st century India that was Rajivji's vision" .

Post of CPP chief has been created for Sonia Gandhi on May 19. The new order was put in place at a specially-convened CPP meeting — the third this week — where the members first amended the party constitution to create a new post of CPP chairperson. Mrs Sonia Gandhi was subsequently elected unanimously to this post, which means she will head the parliamentry parties of both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

– *Tribune*. May 20 : 1.

Congress President Sonia Gandhi has been named among '25 Stars of Asia' by the US-based magazine *Business Week* for being in the 'forefront of change'. The magazine described Mrs. Gandhi as the 'power behind the throne' and listed her as the top star of Asia in policy makers category for "turning down the top office and setting a new tone for India".

– *BusinessWeek* names Sonia, Tata as 'Stars of Asia'. *Hindu*. July 6, 2004: 15.

Congress President and UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi is placed third by the *Forbe* magazine in its list of 100 most powerful women in the world. The US National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice is the most powerful woman followed by Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi. In a brief profile of the 57-year-old Gandhi, the magazine said no other woman in recent times had been more widely revered in India than her.

– Sonia third most powerful woman. *Tribune*. August 21, 2004: 9.

Dismissing the Opposition's charge that she is the back-seat driver of the Manmohan Singh Government, Congress President Sonia Gandhi said that similar insinuations were made about her even when Rajiv Gandhi was the Prime Minister. "I am not the power behind the throne. I do not wish to be," she declared emphatically while replying to questions at the "*Hindustan Times* Leadership Initiative Conference." She also made it clear that she does not look at government files or take government decisions. Responding to a volley of questions after her address, she said these charges were "not something which had happened just now. When Rajiv Gandhi was the Prime Minister, I was supposed to have sacked ministers, brought new ones..."

– I am not power behind throne: Sonia. *Tribune*. November 6, 2004: 20.

The book "Two Alone, Two Together" edited by the Congress President Sonia Gandhi was released by the Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in Delhi on November 19.

– *Tribune*. November 20, 2004: 2.

– Khushwant Singh. Sonia as editor. *Hindustan Times*. December 4, 2004: 8.

The Punjabi University Senate on November 23 ratified its decision of awarding Congress President Sonia Gandhi the degree of Doctor of Literature (*Honoris Causa*) in recognition of her role in strengthening the moral fibre of Indian society.

– Senate ratifies D. Litt for Sonia. *Tribune*. November 24, 2004: 6.

Gandhi, Varun

Varun Gandhi joins the BJP in New Delhi on Feb. 16 along with his mother, Maneka Gandhi. (*Hindu*. Feb. 17, 2004)

Gandhvi, B.K.

Bowing to the demand for the removal of Gujarat PCC chief Shankarsinh Vaghela, Congress Chief Sonia Gandhi on January 31 removed him from the post and appointed senior party leader and former minister, B.K. Gandhvi in his place. Party spokesman Anand Sharma said in New Delhi that the services of Mr Vaghela would be utilised during the forthcoming Lok Sabha poll. The change was a part of the party's efforts to tone up its units in the States, he said. The decision to remove Mr Vaghela follows demands from State Congress leaders who had complained about his floating a new outfit. Though Mr Veghela maintained that the outfit had been floated to counter Sangh Parivar in the State, Congress leaders from the State submitted a memorandum to the Party President Sonia Gandhi in January requesting her to intervene. They had also opposed Mr Vaghela holding a rally.

– Gandhvi appointed Gujarat Cong. Chief. *Tribune*. February 1, 2004: 2.

Ganesan, R.

R. Ganesan, a 1969 batch officer of the Indian Postal Service, is the new Secretary of the Department of Posts. He was Member (Operations) of the Postal Services Board. A postgraduate from the IIT Chennai, Mr. Ganesan has held senior positions in the Postal Department and undertaken assignments in the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai and the Universal Postal Union.

– New Secretarty Department of Posts. *Hindu*. December 2, 2004: 13.

Ganesh, K.R.

Vetern freedom fighter and the former Union Minister, Mr. K.R. Ganesh (82) passed away on January 2.

– Remebering a veteran leader, friend, visionary. *Hindu*. Feb 5, 2004: 6.

Ganga Prakash

Ganga Prakash, the General Manager of the Nashik-based India Security Press (ISP) has been dismissed from service for helping stamp scamster Abdul Karim Telgi in providing technical know how of stamp printing machines. The preliminary report of the CBI said that gross irregularities had been committed by Prakash. Prakash was arrested by CBI on December 19, 2004 in Hyderabad for alleged security lapses which helped Telgi in spreading his network across the country.

– Nashik press GM sacked for helping Telgi. *Tribune.* April 14, 2004: 15.

Ganguly, Sourav

According to media reports as many as four Indian cricketers feature in the ICC blacklist for violating the Code of Conduct. During the recent Australian series Captain Sourav Ganguly was fined for slow over-rate, Rahul Dravid for applying an illegal substance on the ball and Irfan Pathan for mocking a rival player. Harbhajan Singh was fined during 2003 for making abusive comment in a one-day match against South Africa at Dhaka.

– 4 Indians on ICC blacklist. *Tribune.* March 3, 2004: 1, 18.

Sourav Ganguly, the captain of Indian cricket team was on November 14, suspended for two Tests against South Africa for breaching the ICC's Code of Conduct during the BCCI's Platinum Jubilee one day International against Pakistan played at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on November 13. At a hearing conducted by the ICC Match Referee, Clive Lloyd, Ganguly was found guilty for his teams' slow over rate.

– Ganguly suspended for two Tests. *Hindu.* November 15, 2004: 19.

– Briefly: Ganguly suspended. *Tribune.* November 15, 2004: 1, 18.

ICC ban on Indian captain was suspended on November 15. It had earlier imposed a two-Test ban on Ganguly.

– ICC ban on Ganguly suspended. *Tribune.* November 16, 2004: 1.

– Editorial : The Ganguly googly : Suspension of disbelief, and sense. *Tribune.* November 17, 2004: 10.

In a major relief for Sourav Ganguly, the two-Test ban on him was on November 26 lifted by the International Cricket Council, ending the suspense over the Indian captains's availability for the second Test against South Africa beginning on 28th November.

– ICC lifts two test ban on Ganguly. *Tribune.* November 27, 2004: 1.

Indian captain Sourav Ganguly was fined 30 per cent of his match fee for breaching the ICC Code of Conduct during the fourth day's play of the second Test against Sourth Africa at the Eden Gardens on December 1. Gangulay was found guilty of showing serious dissent by the ICC Match Referee Jeff Crowe in a hearing after the day's play. Ganguly was found to have breached level 1.3 of the ICC code which relates to "showing dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse."

– Ganguly penalised by dissent. *Hindu*. Dec. 3, 2004: 21.

Garg, Sandeep

The CBI has unearthed huge investments in different industries in Delhi, Kanpur, Lucknow and Punjab by suspended IAS officer in the Ministry of Petroleum, Sandeep Garg. During the investigations, the CBI found that Garg, who was arrested on April 17, had invested crores of rupees in various industries in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Punjab. The CBI also seized Rs 2.31 crore in cash from his residence and bank lockers and the investments could cross Rs 3 crore, the sources said. Garg, a Haryana cadre IAS officer, was working as Regional Director (North) Anti-Adulteration Cell of Ministry of Petroleum in New Delhi. Many incriminating documents were seized during the raids on his official and residential premises in April 2004.

– CBI seizes Rs 2.3 crore from suspended IAS officer. *Tribune*. November 29, 2004: 2.

Gaur, Babulal

Mr. Babulal Gaur, the Home Minister in the Uma Bharati Government of Madhya Pradesh was on August 23 elected leader of the BJP Legislature Party in place of Ms. Bharati who resigned in the wake of non-bailable arrest warrants issued against her by a Hubli court in Karnataka. Gaur was later in the evening sworn in as the Chief Minister by Governor Balram Jakhar. Born on June 2, 1930, in Pratapgarh district of U.P., Mr. Gaur was first elected to the Assembly in a by- election in 1974 and has since been representing his Govindpura constituency in the Assembly without break. He belongs to the Other Backward Classes.

– Babulal Gaur sworn in as CM. *Tribune*. August 24, 2004: 1.

Veteran BJP leader Babulal Gaur was sworn in as Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister by Governor Balram Jakhar on August 23, 2004 at 7 p.m. in the Raj Bhavan, Bhopal. It was an hour after Ms Uma Bharati tendered her resignation. Gaur, eight time MLA and home minister in the Uma Bharati ministry, was unanimously elected the leader of BJP legislature party at a meeting attended by party general secretaries Arun Jaitley and Shivraj Singh Chouhan. His name was proposed by Bharati herself. Gaur, 74, was minister for local self-government in the Sundarlal Patwa regime in the early nineties.

He was the leader of opposition during the last phase of the Congress government under Digvijay Singh.

– *Times of India*. August 24 : 1.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, Mr. Babulal Gaur announced on September 6 at a conference that any government officer who provides evidance leading to the prosecution of suppliers of substandard seeds and fertilisers will be given a reward of Rs. 1 lakh and also on out of turn promotion.

– Checking graft. MP style. *Tribune.* September 8, 2004:14.

Gavaskar, Sunil

Registrar of Companies (RoC), Ahmedabad has lodged a police complaint against legendary cricketer Sunil Gavaskar and four others at Vadodara alleging that they did not use the amount raised through a public issue after floating a company. The five had floated "Top Line Shoes Company" on July 20, 1992. They had come out with a public issue of Rs. 4.56 crore.

– Police complaint against Gavaskar. *Tribune.* July 16, 2004: 19.

According to media reports, a complaint has been registered against former India captain Sunil Gavaskar in the alleged multi-crore "fraud" over his alleged involvement in a dubious public issue of a Gujarat-based company *Topline shoes*, in which he was on the board of directors. However Gavaskar on July 16 denied his involvement saying that he had resigned about 10 years ago.

– Gavaskar denies involvement in 'fraud'. *Tribune.* July 17, 2004: 18.

– Briefly : Police disputes Gavaskar's claim. *Tribune.* July 23, 2004: 18.

Gawli, Arun Gulab

Underworld don-turned-politician Arun Gawli, on October 16 won the Chinchopkli seat in Central Mumbai, defeating Madhu Chavan of Congress by a margin of 8000 votes. Gawli bagged 92000 votes. He fought on an Akhil Bharatiya Sena (ABHS) ticket. He termed his victory as a "receipt of the social service" he had done for the people.

– Gawli makes it in political world. *Sunday Tribune.* October 17, 2004: 2.

Mumbai underworld don Arun Gulab Gawli has won from the Chinchopkli Assembly constituency in the Maharashtra Assembly polls held in October 2004. He won the seat by a comfortable margin of 12774 votes. He celebrated his victory with the remark: "I will make a difference".

– Dua, H.K. Enter, Hon. Member Arun Gawli! Supping with criminals is risky. *Tribune.* October 29, 2004: 10.

Geelani, Ali Shah (Syed)

Chairman of breakaway Hurriyat Conference, Syed Ali Shah Geelani was released on January 16 after several hours in detention. Geelani was taken into preventive custoday along with two of his associates outside SKIMS hospital at Soura around noon when he was on his way to the Jenab shirne to address a Friday congregation.

– Geelani held, freed. *Tribune.* January 17, 2004: 1.

The chairman of the breakaway faction of the Hurriyat Conference, Syed Ali Shah Geelani, on January 17 led the funeral procession of the chief operational commander of the pro-Pakistan militant outfit Hizbul Mujahideen, Ghulam Rasool Dar, and asked people of Jammu and Kashmir to observe January 26 as 'black day' and boycott the coming Lok Sabha elections. Addressing a huge gathering after the funeral, he said, "we do not accept the Constitution of India and hence should not participate in any activity under its purview. People should stay away from the Parliamentary elections in India."

– Geelani attends Hizbul commander's funeral. *Tribune.* January 18, 2004 : 8.

Syed Ali Shah Geelani, chairman of the breakaway faction of the separatist Hurriyat Conference, on August 7 floated his own party, Tehreek-e-Hurriyat Kashmir (Kashmir Freedom Movement).

– Geelani floats party. *Sunday Tribune.* August 8, 2004: 6.

Syed Ali Shah Geelani, the breakaway faction leader of the All-Party Hurriyat Conference said on October 7, that he wanted Kashmir to go to Pakistan. He has recommended admission of Kashmiri students in various professional colleges in Pakistan.

– Tikoo, Aarti. Geelani takes on New Delhi with cross-boarder education: Recommends 60 Kashmiri students for studies in Pak. *Times of India.* October 8, 2004: 8.

George, Anju Bobby

Anju Bobby George, 27-year-old long jumper and one of India's medal hopes at Athens Olympics in August 2004, dropped one place to No.5 in the latest world rankings issued by the International Association of Athletics Federations.

– Anju slips to No. 5. *Tribune*. July 8, 2004: 19.

Long jumper and India's brightest medal hopes at Athens Olympics, Anju Bobby George will carry the Indian flag in the opening ceremony of the

Athens Olympics beginning August 13, 2004. Announcement to this effect was made by IOC president, Suresh Kalmadi.

– Briefly: Anju will carry flag at Athens. *Tribune.* August 7, 2004: 2.

Anju George wins long jump gold in the Yokohama track and field event in Japan on Sept 23. (*Hindu.* Sept 24, 2004)

Anju George of India clinches gold in the long jump event of the Asian All Stars athletics championship in Singapore on Sept 28. (*Hindu.* Sept 29, 2004)

George, Rajeev

Rajeev George, an Indian activist was on November 24 awarded an international prize for defending the basic rights to housing of poor people gain protection from eviction. The Geneva-based Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE) gave its Housing Rights Defender award 2004 to Rajeev George in recognition of his 12-year struggle to give slum dwellers in Indore a foothold in urban planning.

– Rights award for Rajeev George. *Tribune.* November 25, 2004: 9.

Ghai, Subhash

Noted Bollywood director Subhash Ghai will be honoured at the First International Film Festival at Dubai beginning December 6. Ghai will be honoured as part of the festival's Directors in the spotlight section.

– Briefly : Honour for Subhash Ghai. *Sunday Tribune.* December 5, 2004 : 2.

Ghosal, Saurav

India's Saurav Ghosal won the coveted British Open under-19 Junior Squash Championship, defeating Egypt's Adel el Said 9-0, 9-6, 9-1.

This is the first time an Indian has won the title, according to a fax message from Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRAFI) joint secretary, Srivatsan Subramaniam.

– Ghosal wins title, Joshna runner-up. *Tribune.* January 8, 2004: 16.

Ghosh, Gautam

54-year old Gautam Ghosh has been selected as the best director and screen playwright for the prestigious National Film Award-2004.

– Swarup Harihar. Profile: He captures the true images of life. *Sunday Tribune.* August 29, 2004: 13.

National award winning film 'Abar Aranye', its director Gautam Ghosh and lead star Tabu would receive the 67th annual awards of the Bengal Film

Journalists' Association (BFJA) while Gulzar will be given the 'Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award' on November 27 in Kolkata.

– Tabu, Ghosh to get BFJA awards. *Tribune.* November 24, 2004: 2.

Ghosh, Meenakshi Dutta

Ms. Meenakshi Dutta Ghosh, IAS has been posted as Advisor, Planning Commission at the level of Secretary to the Government. She was Project Director, National Aids Control Organisation.

– K.M. Sahni is new Labour Secretary. *Tribune.* September 2, 2004: 2.

Gill, A.S.

The Additional Director General of Police (Crime), A.S. Gill, took over as the new Director General of Police (DGP) of Rajasthan, succeeding S.N. Jairath who had a brief tenure of only a month. Mr. Gill has superseded three other officers of his rank in the Indian Police Service while being appointed the DGP. The State Cabinet had decided to give priority to merit rather than seniority while making appointments at the top level and selecting the heads of departments.

– Gill takes over as Rajasthan DGP. *Hindu.* December 1, 2004: 5.

Gill, Harjit Singh

Mr. Harjit Singh Gill (49) has become the first Asian of the UK to get appointed as the Sheriff of Gloucester city. Gill became the first Asian Mayor of Barton in 1999. In 2000, he was reappointed on the post. An alumnus of DAV College Jalandhar, Gill has been in UK for 26 years.

– Punjabi becomes first Asian Sheriff in U.K. *Tribune*. August 5, 2004: 5.

Gill, Harminder Singh

The All-India Sikh Students Federation (AISSF) president, Harminder Singh Gill on April 26 joined the Congress party at Chandigarh.

– AISSF Chief Gill joins Congress. *Tribune.* April 27, 2004: 5.

Gill, Manohar Singh

The timing of holding elections in the country is the prerogative of the Election Commission and the government of the day cannot dictate it, former Chief Election Commissioner Manohar Singh Gill has said. "The Commission is to choose appropriate dates, taking into account many factors within the outer limitation of the six months' time between two sessions of the House set by the Constitution", Dr Gill emphasised in an exclusive interview to the *Tribune* in New Delhi on January 13.

– Poll timing EC's right, says Gill. *Tribune.* Jan. 14, 2004: 1.

The former CEC, M.S. Gill is among eight elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha on March 19. (*Hindu.* March 20, 2004)

Girija Devi (Dr.)

Almost all of Dr Girija Devi's concerns stem from the sorry state of classical arts in India. Perturbed by the callous indifference that describes the establishements's attitude towards the Indian classical artistes, the vocalist even questions the sincerity behind the institution of awards like the Bharat Ratna, the Padma Vibhushan and the Padma Bhushan. "These awards are no better than motifs that can at best enhance the aesthetics of your drawing rooms. Beyond that, they hold no significance. Look at Ustad Bismillah Khan. What good is his Bharat Ratna if it cannot spare him the dignity he so desperately requires in old age," said the Benaras gharana exponent who runs her own trust to care for poor music students and aged artistes.

– Girija Devi perturbed by sorry state of classical arts. *Tribune.* November 21, 2004: 4.

Goel, O.P.

O.P. Goel, an expert on the management of construction projects, has taken over as the President of the Institution of Engineers (India) Lucknow. An alumnus of Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh, Goel has worked on a number of committees in the World Bank and Govt. of India.

– New President. *Tribune.* January 1, 2004: 15.

Goel, Puneet

Mr. Puneet Goel, the Subdivisional Magistrate of Pathankot has been charged with poaching. He was caught by the Wildlife Wardens, with the "kill" in the forest. Media reports quoting forensic experts said, "Bullets that killed six birds, two peacocks and four grey partridges in a Hoshiarpur forest on February 29 were fired from the double barrel gun of Goel.

– Prabhjot Singh. SDM's gun used to kill birds, says forensic report. *Tribune.* April 3, 2004 : 4.

– Nath, Tripti. Maneka seeks ouster of Pathankot SDM. *Sunday Tribune.* March 7, 2004: 2.

– Editorial: Kid gloves for some: The rule of law takes a terrible beating. *Tribune.* March 16, 2004: 10.

Goel, S.K.

Mr. S.K. Goel has taken over as Executive Director of the Allahabad Bank. Earlier he was the General Manager of Andhra Bank.

– Briefly: Allahabad Bank. *Sunday Tribune.* August 29, 2004: 21.

Gogoi, Tarun

Congress President Sonia Gandhi snubbed Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi for not keeping her posted properly about the alleged nexus between a section of the State Cabinet Ministers and ULFA. It may be mentioned that ULFA leader D. Gohain, who was arrested in connection with the August 15 Dhemaji bomb blast confessed that a section of the Cabinet Ministers in the Tarun Gogoi Ministry had links with ULFA. D. Gohain reportedly further confessed that the State Tribal Minister, Bharat Narah was aware of ULFA's plan to organise violence on Independence Day this year. The situation became complicated for Mr Tarun Gogoi after AGP General Secretary Dilip Saikia sent all documents to President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam pertaining to the Minister's ULFA nexus, which contained a photo copy of the confessional statement by ULFA leader D. Gohain.

- Sonia takes CM to task, Assam ministers' alleged links with ULFA. *Tribune.* October 28, 2004: 2.

Gopalaswami, N.

In a departure from the convention, the government appointed the Union Home Secretary, Mr N. Gopalaswami, as the Election Commissioner. The Gujarat cadre officer will assume the charge as Election Commissioner with effect from February 8 following the vacancy caused by the proposed assumption of charge by Mr T.S. Krishnamurthy as Chief Election Commissioner.

- Gopalaswami appointed Election Commissioner. *Tribune.* January 22, 2004: 18.

Gopichand, Pullela

Former All-England Champion Pullela Gopichand celebrated his comeback after a long injury layoff with a clinical victory in the final of the $ 10,000 Asian Satellite Badminton Championship. Gopichand thrashed compatriot J B S Vidyadhar Rao 15-6 15-1 in the men's singles final to romp home with the title.

- Gopi wins Asian Satellite title. *Tribune.* October 28, 2004: 18.

Goswami, Gautam

Gautam Goswami, the District Magistrate of Patna (Bihar) resigned from service on December 31. He was recently under fire from the Election Commission for ignoring violation of model code of conduct by the ruling Rashtriya Janata Dal in the State. According to the reports in media, Goswami is likely to join private sector.

- In brief : Magistrate resigns. *Hindu.* January 1, 2005: 1, 9.
- Patna DM Goswami resigsn. *Tribune.* January 1, 2005: 2.

Goswami, Rajiv

Rajiv Goswami (33) who captured the national headlines during the anti-Mandal agitation in 1990 when he set himself afire passed away of kidney and liver failure in a hospital in New Delhi on February 24. He was former Delhi University Students' Union President.

- Man who sparked anti-Mandal agitation is dead. *Hindu.* February 25, 2004 : 1.

Goswami, Samir

Mr. Samir Goswami has been elected President of the Public Relations Society of India (PRSI) unanimously in an election held in New Delhi in February. He is the senior PRO, Eastern Railway.

- Goswami elected chief of Public Relations Society. *Tribune.* March 2, 2004: 16.

Govinda

Bollywood actor Govinda is a Congress candidate from North-West Mumbai constituency against Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister, Ram Naik. Media reports write that Govinda was handpicked by the Congress President Sonia Gandhi to contest against Naik. Govinda's family has had long association with the Congress Party.

- Govinda files nomination papers. *Tribune.* April 6, 2004: 2.
- Swarup, Harihar. Chi Chi in his new avatar. *Sunday Tribune.* April 11, 2004 : 11.

Gowarikar, Ashutosh

Bollywood director Ashutosh Gowarikar has been selected as a member of the directors branch of the prestigious Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science, the body that instituted the Oscars.

- Ashutosh academy member. *Tribune.* November 6, 2004: 2.

Gowrishankara Swami (Sir)

Sir Gowrishankara Swami of Sri Siddaganga Math surrendered before a court in Tumkur on April 13. He had been convicted and sentenced in a sexual abuse case by the Karnataka High Court.

- Briefly : Seer convicted of sex abuse surrenders. *Tribune.* April 15, 2004 : 2.

Goyal, Naresh

Mr. Naresh Goyal, Chairman, Jet Airways has been conferred Laurels 2003 by the leading aerospace industry publication of the U.S. Aviation Week & Space Technology. Goyal has been conferred this award for the second time in four years for his contribution to 'Commercial Air Transprt'.

– Snippets : Award for Naresh Goyal. *Hindu.* February 10, 2004: 17.

Goyal, Sunil

Mr. Sunil Goyal, the president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India has been appointed to the Board of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) at a meeting of the IFAC Board in Paris. The Board comprises 24 members elected from among 158 member organisations from 118 countries.

– Briefly: Honour for ICAI chief. *Hindu.* November 18, 2004: 4.

Grewal, Gurmant

Mr. Gurmant Grewal and his wife, Nina have been elected to the House of Commons in the June 28 federal elections of Canada. Grewals become the first ethnic couple to get elected to the House of Commons in Canada. Mr. Gurmant Grewal won from Newton-North Delta and his wife, Nina from the Fleetwood- Fort Wells riding on the Conservative ticket. Mr. Gurmant Grewal is a product of Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, also he holds the distinction of becoming the first ethnic MP to enter the House of Commons in less than five years of acquiring Canadian citizenship.

– Prabhjot Singh. Indians with eight seats in Canada: The Grewals first ethnic couple to get elected. *Tribune.* July 1, 2004: 11.

Grewal, J.S. (Dr)

The newly appointed Chairman of the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies (IIAS), Dr J.S. Grewal, said it was the duty of the Chairman, Director and all members of the governing council to cooperate in the inquiry ordered by the Ministry of Human Resource Development into the goings on at the Institute in the recent past. "I firmly believe it is our duty to fully cooperate in the inquiry because if one has done things in the right manner then there was no reason to be afraid," he said interacting with mediapersons after assuming charge. He, however, added that this did not mean that there was something radically wrong with the Institute.

– IIAS head for probe into saffronisation of history books. *Tribune.* November 30, 2004: 12.

Gudia

- Visual media criticised for putting Gudia on trial. *Hindu.* october 1, 2004: 3.
- Luthra, Ramesh, 'Kahani ek Gudiya Ki'. *Tribune.* October 7, 2004: 10.
- Editorial: Of Sonia and Gudiya: Civil society responsible for this trauma. *Tribune.* October 13, 2004: 10.
- Gudia gives birth to a boy. *Sunday Tribune.* November 14, 2004: 2
- Arif unhappy at birth of Gudia's child. *Tribune.* November 16, 2004 :2.

Gujjar, Jairamdas (Baba)

Baba Jairamdas Gujjar, the head of the Ramsnehi sect, Jaipur has been sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of a woman by the fast track court. Baba was found guilty of the murder of Hindu Mahasabha leader Sudha Sharma two years ago.

- Briefly : Life term for religious leader. *Tribune.* December 9, 2004: 2.

Gujral, I.K.

Former Prime Minister I. K. Gujral, accompanied by Kuldip Nayyar, former MP and veteran journalist, faced "humiliation" at the hands of the staff posted at the Wagah joint check post on their return from Pakistan on October 17. They were on a two-day visit to Lahore for a meeting of South Asia for Human Rights. They lodged a protest with the immigration authorities at the post in this regard. Though Mr Gujral refused to give details of the incident, eyewitnesses told newspersons that he had felt slighted by the "odd behaviour" of the officials who asked him to fill a form, stand in a queue and wait for his turn for the formalities to be completed.

- Gujral humiliated at Wagah. *Tribune.* October 18, 2004: 1.
- Editorial: Surly Staff: What a welcome we extend to our guests! *Tribune.* October 19, 2004: 10.

Gujral, J.S., Air Marshal

Air Marshal J.S. Gujral on April 1, took over as the new Deputy Chief of Air staff at the Air Headquarters in New Delhi. Air Marshal Gujral was commissioned in the fighter stream of the Indian Air Force in December 1967. A graduate of the Defence Services Staff College, Gujral has flown over 4000 hours of accident free flying in a wide range of aircrafts. He has also done the Long Defence Management Course and the Higher Command Course.

- Air Marshal Gujral is Deputy Chief of Air Staff. *Tribune.* April 2, 2004: 2.

Gulzar

Gulzar is among 19 persons selected for Padma Bhushan on Jan. 25. (*Hindu*. Jan. 26, 2004)

Lyricist Gulzar was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award at a function in New York on April 25. The function was organized by the Association of Indians in America, the oldest American Indian body.

– Gulzar gets life time achievement award. *Tribune*. April 27, 2004: 9.

Gulzar was honoured with Padma Bhushan on June 30. (*Hindu*. July 1, 2004)

Gupta, Anara

Former Miss Jammu, Ms. Anara Gupta was formally arrested by the police on November 4. She had been in news for the past several days following seizure of porno CDs in which she is accused of having played the female role. She was granted conditional bail on November 9.

– Miss Jammu gets conditional bail. *Tribune*. November 10, 2004: 6.

– NCW seeks proper probe in Anara case. *Tribune*. December 28, 2004 : 2.

Gupta, Anuradha

An IAS officer of the 1981 batch of Haryana cadre, Anuradha Gupta has taken over as Member Secretary of the All India Council for Technical Education on Nov. 30 in New Delhi.

– New appointment. *Hindu*. December 1, 2004: 4.

Gupta, Harinder

Harinder Gupta has won the Rs. 10 lakh Hero Golf Chandigarh Open. He has become the third amateur in the history of the Hero Honda Golf Tour to win a pro tournament. He fired four under 68 to win with a tally of 14-under 274.

– Harinder is Hero Golf Champ. *Sunday Tribune*. April 25, 2004: 32.

Gupta, Jai Prakash

Haryana independent MLA, Jai Prakash Gupta and his brother's bail application was dismissed by the Karnal district and sessions court on July 10, in connection with Rs. 92 lakh paddy scam case. Gupta and his brother refuted the allegations against them as politically motivated.

– MLA Gupta denied bail. *Tribune*. July 11, 2004: 7.

Gupta, M.C.

The President of the French Republic, Mr Jacques Chirac, has conferred a special honour on Mr M.C. Gupta, a retired civil servant and former Director of the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA). Mr Gupta has been selected for the Officer of the National Order of Merit award for his contribution to the development of Indo-French relations in the field of Public Administration. As the Director, IIPA, he forged links with ENA and other institutions of France and exchanged civil servants for training and exposure between the two countries. Mr Gupta was a distinguished member of the Indian Administrative Services till he retired in 1997 after a long career of 37 years. His major assignments included those of Industry Secretary to the Government of India, Member Secretary to the 10th Finance Commission and Chief Secretary Haryana. After retirement from service, he served as Director, IIPA for five years, upto March 2002.

– M.C. Gupta conferred French award, *Tribune.* January 15, 2004: 3.

Gupta, Madhukar

Mr. Madhukar Gupta, an IAS officer of the 1971 batch was on February 16 appointed Vice-Chairman of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA). Gupta was holding the post of Additional Secretary in the Central Department of Mines. He succeeded Mr. Anil Baijal.

– Briefly : New DDA Vice-Chairman. *Hindu.* February 17, 2004: 4.

– Briefly : DDA Vice-Chairman takes over. *Hindu.* February 18, 2004: 4.

Gupta, P.K.

The Executive Director of the Mangalore based Corporation Bank, P.K. Gupta, will head the National Housing Bank. Prior to joining the Corporation Bank, Mr. Gupta was working as General Manager in the Punjab National Bank.

– In Brief : Gupta to head NHB. *Hindu.* December 17, 2004 : 16.

Gupta, Pankaj

Mr. Pankaj Gupta, Special Inspector-General of Police (Nagpur range) was punished by the Maharashtra Government on December 16 for "not taking sufficient measures" to stop the sale of liquor in Wardha district. Gupta was asked to proceed on leave for 32 days.

– Top cop punished. *Tribune.* December 17, 2004: 2.

Gupta, R.K. (Dr.)

Dr. R.K. Gupta, the owner of Neeraj Clinic of Rishikesh was arrested at Saharanpur on August 13 on the charge of duping patients through his dubious treatment for epilepsy. He was remanded in 14-day judicial custody. Police seized three quintals of illicit drugs from his clinic. Media reports say that Dr. Gupta is not even a registered practitioner and was declared a quack in 2000 by IMA. He reportedly duped patients by using a high narcotic and psychotropic content in his 'miraculous cure' for epilepsy.

– Vashishtha, Swati. Rishikesh 'doctor' caught in his own net. *Tribune.* August 16, 2004: 2.

Gupta, R.S.

The Chandigarh Administration on January 25 set up a three-member committee headed by the Delhi Police Commissioner, R.S. Gupta to inquire into lapses that led to the escape of alleged assassins of Beant Singh on January 22 from the Burail jail. The Chandigarh Municipal Corporation Commissioner, Mr M.P. Singh, a Punjab cadre IAS officer on deputation with the Union Territory, and the SSP of Chandigarh, Mr Gaurav Yadav, are the other members of the committee. Mr Yadav is a Punjab cadre IPS officer. The committee has been asked to complete the inquiry within two months. The committee has also been asked to suggest measures, including amendments, in the relevant manuals and standing orders to prevent the recurrence of such incidents.

– Gupta to head probe panel on jailbreak. *Tribune.*January 26, 2004: 1.

Mr. Radhey Shyam Gupta retired from the post of Delhi Police Commissioner on January 31. He expressed satisfaction over his performance and said that he had delivered on every count.

– Fond farewell to Gupta.*Hindu.* February 1, 2004: 3.

Gupta, Ram Prakash

Ram Prakash Gupta (82), Madhya Pradesh Governor died at the AIIMS, New Delhi on May 1. (*Hindu.* May 2, 2004)

Gupta, Renu (Dr)

The India International Friendship Society, a Delhi-based Non-Government Organisation, has selected Dr Renu Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Prosthodontics, Government Dental College, for its Rashtriya Gaurav award for 2003. The award, given every year in recognition of meritorious services in various fields, will be presented at a function in New Delhi.

– Rashtriya Gaurav award for Dr Renu. *Tribune.* December 3, 2004: 12.

Gupta, S.K. (Dr.)

I-sting operation Tehelka, on July 1, exposed Dr. S.K. Gupta, a senior psychiatrist with Agra Mental Hospital, who certified 10 sane women as insane to enable their husbands get divorce. Dr. Gupta was issuing 'false' certificates to the husbands for Rs. 5000 each without even meeting their wives. The sting operation was carried out by Tehelka's reporter Jamsher Khan who procured a certificate for his wife from the doctor.

- 10 sane women declared insane. *Tribune.* July 2, 2004: 1, 20.
- Editorial : It's insane! : Doctors' depravity matches that of husbands. *Tribune.* July 5, 2004: 10.

Dr. S.K. Gupta, a psychiatrist with Agra Mental Hospital surrendered in the court of CJM Sarvesh Kumar on July 23. He was remanded to judicial custody till July 27.

- Briefly: Agra doctor surrenders. *Tribune.* July 25, 2004: 2.

Gupta, Shivani

Faridabad-based Ms. Shivani Gupta has been conferred the Neerja Bhanot Award 2003. The Award consists of Rs.1,50,000, a citation and a trophy.

- Neerja Bhanot 'heroines' announced. *Tribune.* September 1, 2004: 3.

Gupta, Usha

The former Principal of the MCM DAV College for Women, Chandigarh was appointed Member of the Permanent Lok Adalat at the Punjab & Haryana High Court. She took over her assignment on May 26.

- *Tribune.* May 27: 3.

Gurdit Singh, Giani

In an unprecedented move, the Sikh clergy of Takhat Patna Sahib declared Giani Gurdit Singh, a close associate of Giani Joginder Singh Vedanti, Jathedar, Akal Takht, as 'tankhaiya' for the book *"Mundawani"*. They also imposed a ban on the book. The development is likely to plunge the Sikh Panth into a crisis once again. This is, perhaps, for the first time that any Takht has directed the Jathedar of Akal Takht to clarify his stand. Earlier, Takht Patna Sahib had asked Giani Gurdit Singh and Jathedar Vedanti to appear at Takht Patna Sahib to clarify on the contents of *"Mundawani"*.

- Takht Patna Sahib bans book. *Tribune.* Dec. 3, 2004: 5.

Giani Gurdit Singh, the author of the controversial book *Mundawani* has been declared as "Tankhaiya" by Takht Patna Sahib. The Sikh clergy of Akal Takht on December 8, rejected the "hukmnama" issued by Takht Patna Sahib and declared it null and void.

- Walia, Varinder. Akal Takht rejects "hukmnama' of Patna Sahib. *Tribune.* December 9, 2004: 5.

Gurminder Singh

Gurminder Singh of Delhi Zone upset defending champion J.P. Saroya of Punjab Zone to win the 800m race with a time of 2:13.96 seconds in the All-India Punjab National Bank Inter-Zonal Sports Meet, which began at the Ḳarnail Singh stadium in New Delhi on November 23.

– Gurminder wins in 800m. *Tribune.* Nov. 24, 2004: 18.

Gurpreet Kaur

– Medals of 'dope-tainted cyclists withdrawn. *Tribune.* December 11, 2004: 23.

Gurtu, Shobha

Thumri queen Shobha Gurtu passed away at her residence in Mumbai on September 27 following a cardiac arrest. She was known for her rich earthy voice. Gurtu was born in 1925 in Belgau, and had her early training under her mother Menekabai Shirodkar, a professional dancer and a student of Atrauli Jaipur Gayaki of Ustad Alladiya Khan.

– Briefly : Thumri queen dead. *Tribune.* September 28, 2004:1.

Guru, Shaukat Hussain

The Supreme Court stays the execution of Shaukat Hussain Guru, an accused in the December 13 Parliament attack on Jan. 19. (*Hindu.* Jan. 20, 2004)

Gustad, Kaizad

– Kaizad Gustad gets bail. *Tribune.* July 1, 2004: 17.

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Habib Tanvir

Famous artist Habib Tanvir was presented the "Legends of India Lifetime Achievement Award" on October 17 by the Delhi Chief Minister for his contribution in the field of theatre, for promoting traditional folk theatre by blending traditional skills and modern critical thoughts and using the medium effectively to make contemporary statements.

– Briefly: Habib Tanvir honoured. *Hindu.* October 19, 2004: 4.

Habibullah, Wajahat

Senior bureaucrat Wajahat Habibullah's controversial remark that the USA could play the role of a facilitator in resolving the Jammu and Kashmir issue has put the ruling Congress in embarrassament. Media reports say that Habibullah is close to the Nehru-Gandhi family and is on a fellowship with the United States Institute of Peace in Washington. These controversial remarks are a part of the special report written by Mr. Habibullah.

– Habibullah's remarks embarrass Congress. *Tribune.* 10, 2004: 14.

Wajahat Habibullah will be the new Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj. Belonging to the 1968 batch of the Indian Administrative Service from Jammu and Kashmir cadre, he was till now Textiles Secretary.

– Habibullah new Panchayat Raj Secretary. *Hindu.* December 1, 2004: 13.

Hafza Aman (Dr)

Dr. Divya Dayannadan 25 an Indian who married a Pakistani National Aman Khan Hoti faces an uncertain future in Pakistan in the wake of Pakistani Home Ministry's refusal to grant her Pakistani citizenship citing "security reasons". Dr Divya Dayannadan married Aman Khan Hoti in July 2003 after embracing Islam and changing her name to Hafza. They settled in Mardan 60 km north of Peshawar.

– Doc's future uncertain for marrying Pakistani. *Tribune.* September 2, 2004: 9.

Hameed, Moinuddeen Ahmed

Moinuddeen Ahmed Hameed 40, an Indian citizen residing in Malaysia was caught in a U.S. government's sting operation. He agreed to testify against Hemant Lakhani on April 20. He pleaded guilty on April 20 in US District court to conspiracy to operate an unlicensed money transmitting business.

Heman Lakhani a British citizen of Indian origin was arrested in August 2003 and charged with trying to smuggle shoulder-fired missiles into the USA.

– Indian to testify in missile plot. *Tribune.* April 22, 2004: 9.

Hanspal, H.S.

Both the warring groups of the Punjab Congress are learnt to have suggested to the party central leadership that the President of the Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC), H.S. Hanspal should not be changed.

– Punjab leaders want Hanspal to stay as PPCC President. *Tribune.* January 13, 2004: 18.

Haque, Pramod

Pramod Haque and Vinod Khosla are the two Indians who have topped *Forbes* magazine's annual Midas list for the second year in succession. *Forbes* magazine's annual Midas list ranks people who most successfully use venture capital to create wealth for their investors. Mr. Haque is at the head of the list while Mr. Khosla occupies the second position.

– Two Indians top Forbes' Midas list. *Hindu.* February 6, 2004: 18.

Harbans Singh (Justice)

Justice Harbans Singh (90), former Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court passed away in Chandigarh on October 10, following a brief illness. He also remained Chief Commissioner of the Sikh Gurdwara Election Commission.

– Justice Harbans Singh dead. *Tribune.* Oct. 11, 2004: 5.

Harbeant Singh

The Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) sacked its suspended secretary, Mr Harbeant Singh, on the charges of getting the job on the basis of a fake certificate. He has become the first senior functionary of the SGPC to be axed on such serious charges.

– SGPC sacks suspended secretary. *Tribune.* February 5, 2004: 5.

Harbhajan Singh

Off-spinner Harbhajan Singh has made a comeback in the 14-member Indian cricket team for the Asia Cup, after being out of the team for 6 months because of a finger injury.

– Harbhajan back in team. *Hindu.* July 8, 2004: 1, 19.

Harbhajan snared up the first four wickets as he ripped through the South

African top order to completely change the complexion of the cricket game at Eden Garden in Kolkata on December 1.

– Harbhajan leaves SA struggling. *Tribune.* December 3, 2004: 18.

Cricketer Harbhajan Singh was reported for his "doosra" delivery during the second India Bangladesh Test at Chittagong. According to the International Cricket Council's regulations, Harbhajan will have to modify his bowling action, by working with a biomechanist expert. Harbhajan's "doosra" a delivery that goes away from a right handed batsman, is suspected to have exceeded the five-degree tolerance level prescribed by the ICC.

– Biomechanist to work with Harbhajan. *Tribune.* December 23, 2004: 18.

– Nothing wrong with the delivery : Harbhajan. *Hindu.* December 26, 2004 : 17.

– Deciphering the Doosra. *Times of India.* December 23, 2004: 1, 13.

Harbhajan Singh (Yogi)

US based Sikh missionany and Yoga preacher Yogi Harbhajan Singh (75) passed away of heart failure at Espanola in New Mexico on October 6. Yogi had been given the title of 'Singh Sahib' by the Akal Takht. Born in Gujranwala in Pakistan in 1929, Yogi began his career as customs officer at Amritsar.

– Yogi Bhajan is dead. *Times of India.* October 8. 2004: 1.

Harcharan Singh

The Giani Lal Singh Memorial Trust honoured noted theatre personality, Harcharan Singh with this year's award in the name of the late scholar at a function organised at the Language Department. The function, which was attended by a number of prominent academicians, saw former Vice-Chancellor, Dr S.S. Johal, urging universities in Punjab to honour scholars and eminent personalities with degrees of D. Litt. Dr Johal said during his tenure as the Vice-Chancellor he had honoured Sobha Singh and Mother Teresa with such degrees.

– Lal Singh award for Harcharan Singh *Tribune.* January 19, 2004: 3.

Harika, Dronavalli

Dronavalli Harika of India becomes the youngest Woman Grand Master in the Commonwealth chess championship in Mumbai on Jan 18. (*Hindu.* Jan. 19, 2004)

Dronavalli Harika wins the World girls under-14 chess championship in Heraklion, Greece on Nov 13. (*Hindu.* Nov 14, 2004)

Harikrishna, Pendyala

Seventeen years after Viswanathan Anand first put India on the world chess map, the country celebrated its second Junior World Champion with the crowning of Pendyala Harikrishna. After spending a good part of his time throwing anxious glances at nearby boards at the Casino Hotel this afternoon, the Hyderabad Grandmaster lifted his second World title. He had won the under-10 Worlds at Menorca, Spain, in 1996.

- Harikrishna's hour of glory. *Hindu.* Dec. 1, 2004: 20.

Andhara Pradesh youngster Pendyala Harikrishna was on November 30 crowned as the new World Junior Chess Champion. He is the second Indian to win the coveted title after Viswanathan Anand in 1987.

- Harikrishna crowned. *Hindu.* Dec. 1, 2004: 1, 20.

Grandmaster P. Harikrishna emulated Viswananthan Anand by winning the World Junior Chess Championship with 10 points after the 13th and final round.

- Harikrishna is junior chess champion. *Tribune.* December 3, 2004: 19.

18-year-old, Pendyala Harikrishna from Andhra Pradesh has created history, having become the second Indian to win the World Junior Chess title.

- Swarup, Harihar. Harikrishna, the chess wizard. *Sunday Tribune.* December 19, 2004: 13.

Harnek Singh

Harnek Singh, a terrorist and self styled Chief of Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF) was arrested by Punjab Police on August 14 at Sirhind. Harnek was alleged to be involved in the assault on Mr. Maninderjit Singh Bitta.

- KLF chief Harnek arrested. *Tribune.* August 15, 2004: 5.
- Efforts on to revive militancy says KLF chief. *Tribune.* August 16, 2004: 14.
- Harnek remanded in police custody. *Tribune.* August 16, 2004: 14.
- Arms, RDX recovered on tip-off by Harnek. *Sunday Tribune.* August 22, 2004: 5.

Hawara, Jagtar Singh

Jagtar Singh Hawara, an alleged assassin of former Punjab Chief Minister, Beant Singh, escaped from the Burail Jail alongwith his two companions through a 94-foot-long tunnel on January 22.

- Beant case accused flee. *Tribune.* January 23, 2004: 1.

Hazare, Vijay

The legendary cricketer Vijay Hazare is in a critical condition. He is admitted to a Vadodara hospital and is in coma and is in ICU. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has sanctioned Rs. 2 lakhs for his treatment.

– Vijay Hazare's condition critical. *Hindu.* December 6, 2004: 17.

Vijay Hazare (89), former Indian cricket captain, who led India to its first-ever Test win passed away in Vadodara on December 18 following a prolonged illness. Considered to be one of India's finest batsmen ever, Hazare played at the highest level for six years – between 1946 and 1952, during which he represented the country in 30 Tests, scoring 2, 192 runs at an impressive average of 47.65 runs.

– Vijay Hazare dead. *Sunday Tribune.* December 19, 2004: 1, 22

– Vijay Hazare - an insatiable run-getter. *Hindu.* December 19, 2004: 19.

Hazarika, Bhupen

Legendary poet, singer, lyricist, musician and film maker Bhupen Hazarika 78, joined the Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) on February 27. He says, he is impressed with the performance of the Vajpayee government at the Centre.

– Vyas, Neena. Bhupen Hazarika joins BJP. *Hindu.* February 28, 2004: 11.

– Swarup, Harihar. Profile : Bhupen : His songs touch your heart. *Sunday Tribune.* March 7, 2004: 13.

Hegde, Ramakrishna

Veteran politician and former Karnataka Chief Minister, Ramakrishna Hegde, who left a stamp of his own on Indian politics, died at his residence in Bangalore in the afternoon of January 12 after a prolonged illness. Seventy seven-year-old Hegde, ailing for nearly a year, suffered a stroke around midnight on January 11 and had bleeding in his brain, his personal physician Dr Ramana Rao said. Hegde slipped into coma and did not respond to "stimulus", Dr Rao, who is Hegde's physician for the past three decades, said. Hegde underwent a brain surgery in London early last year but did not make much recovey, keeping him out of active politics since then. He is survived by his wife Shakuntala, a son and two daughters. Chief Minister of Karnataka twice, Hegde had played a key role in uniting the non-Congress opposition and had the credit of heading the first non-Congress Government in Karnataka in 1983 with the support of the BJP.

– Ramakrishna Hegde dies. *Tribune.* January 13, 2004: 1.

Ramakrishna Hedge, who passed away in Bangalore on January 12, was a distinguished political leader. In an eventful career spanning over four decades, he created a niche for himself in the political firmament of the country. Known for his affable manners and intellectual sophistry, he enjoyed the distinction of being the first non-Cnogress Chief Minister of Karnataka (1983-88). It was during this period that he introduced several pathbreaking reforms in the state like the Panchayati Raj, the appointment of the Lok Ayukta, and the rural drinking water supply programme. His popularity and charisma transcended the boundaries of Karnataka. It was because of the crusade for "value-based politics"—a phrase coined by Hegde himself—that he developed a pan-Karnataka image.

Though a man of the Nehruvian mould, Hegde was highly critical of both Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi. His close association with S. Nijalingappa, the then President of the Indian National Congress, who inducted him into politics, may have given a practical shape to his political career. But it was mainly because of his hard work and perseverance that he could emerge as a leader of substance. He was a voracious reader, prolific writer, able administrator and policy maker. Hegde and his admirers believed that he was made of prime ministerial stuff but he failed to make it to South Block when Mr H.D. Deve Gowda pipped him at the post in 1996. It is debatable whether his obsession with the Prime Minister's job cost him dearly, but he lost his battery of supporters in the process and had been ploughing a lonely furrow for quite some time. Health problems finally claimed his life. A sad end of a career of a man who could still do more for the country.

– Ramakrishna Hegde: End of a remarkable career. *Tribune.* January 14, 2004: 10 (Editorial)

Hema Malini

Hema Malini, the Rajya Sabha MP and the "dream girl" of Bollywood in yester years joined the Bhartiya Janata Party on February 19 in New Delhi.

– Hema Malini joins BJP. *Hindu.* February 20, 2004: 1.

Hemal, Ashok K. (Prof.)

Prof. Ashok K. Hemal, renowned urologist will be conferred the prestigious Dr. B.C. Roy National Award by President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. Hemal, a Professor in the Department of Urology at AIIMS, is currently working as a visiting faculty at the Vattikitu Urology Institute, Henri Ford Hospital in Detriot in the US.

– Briefly: Urologist to get award. *Tribune.* July 26, 2004: 2.

Heptullah, Najma (Dr.)

Veteran Congress leader and Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairperson Najma Heptullah attacked her party president Sonia Gandhi on February 23, alleging that she had been "humiliated" by her. She showered praises on the Prime Minister and BJP leader Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee. Media views it as an indication of her growing closeness with the Bhartiya Janata Party.

– Najma attacks Sonia's leadership. *Hindu.* February 24, 2004: 1.

Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairperson Ms. Najma Heptullah on March 3 made a veiled attack on Congress President Sonia Gandhi saying that many people had taken advantage of being in a dynasty. She claimed she had never taken advantage of being Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's grand-daughter to rise in politics.

– Najma makes veiled attack on Sonia. *Tribune.* March 4, 2004: 2.

Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairperson, Najma Heptullah was on March 6 unanimously elected President of the Indo-Arab Society for the 13th consecutive term.

– Najma made president of Indo-Arab Society. *Sunday Tribune.* March 7, 2004: 2.

Former Deputy Chariperson of the Rajya Sabha Dr. Najma Heptullah joined BJP on June 11. She met BJP President M. Venkaiah Naidu and completed necessary formalities of joining the party. She said that the BJP had the most secular agenda.

– *Tribune.* June 12, 2004: 1.

Himanshu Kumar

Mr. Himanshu Kumar, a 1969-batch IPS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre, on July 31 took over as the new Director-General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB). Mr. Kumar has held several important positions in CRPF, U.P. Police and Intelligence Bureau.

– Himanshu is DG, Seema Bal. *Tribune.* August 1, 2004: 2.

Hitange, Harish

Mr. Harish Hitange, 26 an Indian national based in Poland was abducted in Warsaw on April 20. Harish was working for a textile firm, Janki Textile Company, in Warsaw.

– Indian abducted in Poland. *Tribune.* August 6, 2004: 1.

Kidnappers have demanded 300,000 Euros for his release. Harish is a fashion designer and business management graduate.

– They have only God to fall back on. *Tribune*. August 8, 2004: 2.

Hooda, Bhupinder Singh

The Panchkula police on January 20 registered a dowry case against Mr Bhupinder Singh Hooda, the Leader of the Opposition in the Haryana Vidhan Sabha, his son, Deepinder Singh, and two others. The case has been registered on a complaint lodged by Mrs Geeta Hooda nee Grewal, who is the daughter of a senior officer of the Haryana Industries Department. Mr Hooda, however, described the allegations against him as "politically motivated". In a statement Mr Hooda said his political opponents had connived with the in-laws of his son to implead him and other members of the family in a false case.

– Dowry case against Hooda. *Tribune*. January 21, 2004: 1.

– No politics in case against Hooda, says Chautala. *Tribune*. January 22, 2004: 4.

Mr. Bhupinder Singh Hooda and his family members were granted bail by the Sessions Court of Ambala in a case of dowry harassment registered against them by the Panchkula police on the complaint of their daughter-in-law, Geeta Grewal.

– Hooda gets bail in dowry case. *Hindu*. February 9, 2004: 5.

Husain, Maqbool Fida

A day after VHP and Bajrang Dal workers allegedly vandalised paintings of M.F. Husain and others at an exhibition in Surat, claiming that "they displayed utter dishonour towards Goddess Durga", the renowned painter said the Durga painting was not done by him. "The painting was the work of a known painter of Bengal, Chitrbhanu Majumdar, and not mine," Husain said. Other paintings which they tried to destroy belonged to well-known artist late N.S. Bhendre, Husain said, adding that the paintings were later recovered by the police. The exhibition, inaugurated by Husain last week, had only one 40-foot-long painting done by him, depicting world leaders, including Mahatma Gandhi and Albert Einstein, the painter said.

– Vandalized painting not mine, says Husain. *Tribune*. January 31, 2004: 2.

Noted painter Maqbool Fida Hussain has pulled out his movie, *Meenaxi — A tale of three cities*, out of movie theaters following objections raised by some Muslim organisations to one of the songs in it. All-India Ulema Council on April 15 kicked up a controversy by terming the qawwali number in the film, "Noor-un-Ala-Noor" as blasphemous.

– Shiv Kumar. Husain pulls *Meenaxi* out of theatres. *Tribune*. April 17, 2004: 2.

Hussain, Mohammed Iliyas

Mohammad Iliyas Hussain, RJD MLA and former Bihar Minister was remanded to judicial custoday on October 16, by the designated CBI judge following his surrender in a case relating to the multi-crore bitumen scam.

- Briefly: RJD leader in judicial custody. *Sunday Tribune.* October 17, 2004: 2.

Mohammad Illiyas Hussain the former Bihar Road Construction Minister was on October 16 remanded to 14 days judicial custoday by the CBI designated court in connection with the multi-crore bitumen scam.

- Remanded to judicial custody. *Hindu.* Oct. 17, 2004: 9.

Hussain, Rehman (Major)

Major Rehman Hussain is an accused in the alleged rape of a 29-year old woman and her 10-year-old daughter that took place in the Haridwara area of North Kashmir on November 6. The incident provoked widespread protest demonstrations across the Valley. The proceedings of General Court Martial (GCM) against Hussain began in Uri on December 20.

- Court Martial of Major accused of rape begins. *Tribune.* December 21, 2004: 1.
- Proceedings in rape case to continue on daily basis. *Hindu.* December 27, 2004: 3.

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Inder Singh

Legendary footballer and Arjuna awardee Inder Singh was presented the 'Pride of Phagwara' award at a special function organised by local Nagar Council on Republic Day. Punjab Social Welfare Minister Joginder Singh Mann presented a trophy, a shawl and a scroll to Inder Singh. He is honorary secretary of the Punjab Football Association. He had played for Leaders Club Jalandhar from 1960-1974 and was the captain for a decade. He was in the Indian team that played in the Asia Football Cup in Israel. He played in the prestigious Merdeka Cup in Kuala Lumpur from 1969-1973 and in the Asian All-Star team from 1968-1976. Later, he played for JCT, Phagwara. He was the highest scorer in the Santosh Trophy held in Punjab at Jalandhar in 1974. Inder Singh also captained the Indian team in 1969, 1972 1975.

- Award for Inder Singh. *Tribune.* January 26, 2004: 10.

Irani, Smriti

Noted TV actress and BJP leader, Smriti Irani on December 12 launched a scathing attack on Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi in Surat and demanded his resignation over the Gujarat riots. She said that she would start a 'fast-unto death' agitation from December 25 (the birthday of Vajpayee) if Modi does not step down. She however "unconditionally" withdrew her statement on the same day under pressure from the party.

- Smriti Irani slams Modi, retracts. *Tribune.* December 13, 2004: 2.
- Editorial : Fast retraction : Retain Modi and pay a price. *Tribune.* December 14, 2004: 20.

Iyer, N. Sundaresa

Mr. N. Sundaresa Iyer the Manager of the Kanchi Sankara Mutt was arrested on December 24 by the Special Investigation Team in connection with the Sankararaman murder case.

- Kanchi Mutt manager arrested. *Hindu.* December 25, 2004:1.
- Judicial custody for Kanchi mutt manager. *Hindu.* December 26, 2004: 6.

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Jadeja, Ajay

Ajay Jadeja has been named the captain of the North Zone team in the Deodhar Trophy limited overs cricket tournament. The squad: Ajay Jadeja (captain), Dinesh Mongia (vice-captain), Gautam Gambhir, Mithun Manhas, Aakash Chopra, Ajay Ratra, Reetinder Singh Sodhi, Sarandeep Singh, Amit Uniyal, Rahul Sanghvi, Amit Bhandari, Sanjay Gill, Pankaj Dharmani, Gagandeep Singh and Amit Mishra.

– Jadeja to lead. *Tribune.* January 12, 2004: 18.

Jagdeep

Veteran actor Jagdeep was honoured with a lifetime achievement award in Mumbai on February 14, to acknowledge his contribution. He was given standing ovation as he received the award, the first ever for comedy, instituted by the Indian Comedians' Association. Starting his career in movies as a child artist in Afsana at the age of nine, Jagdeep rose to become a top comedian of Bollywood, unleashing a whacky style of comedy. He has acted in 108 films, including 'Sholay' and 'Jigri Dost'.

– Lifetime award for Jagdeep. *Hindu.* February 16, 2004: 3.

Jagir Kaur (Bibi)

Jagir Kaur is elected President of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, in Amritsar on Sept. 23. (*Hindu.* Sept. 24, 2004)

Commenting on the election of Bibi Jagir Kaur as President of SGPC, K.S. Chawla writes: "The circumstances and considerations under which she has been installed as president of the SGPC throw light on her limitations and compulsions... Badal made her the president of the SGPC primarily to ensure that the Lubana community in Kapurthala district casts votes in favour of the SAD candidate in the byelection to the Vidhan Sabha.".

– Chawla, K.S. Tasks before the SGPC president. *Tribune.* October 3, 2004: 4.

SGPC President, Bibi Jagir Kaur, suffered a setback in the case related to the murder of her daughter Harpreet Kaur when a co-accused in her daughter's murder case turned approver and told the court that Bibi Jagir Kaur instructed him to eliminate her daughter Harpreet for bringing disgrace upon the family.

– Bibi told me to kill her daughter, says doctor. *Times of India*. October 20, 2004: 1.

Jain, Dipak (Prof.)

Prof. Dipak Jain, the Indian American dean of Kellog School of Management in Northwestern University, Chicago is the fourth highest paid official. This was reported in a survey by the Chronicle for Higher Education. It said that in 2003, Prof Jain earned $ 576, 137.

– Indian - American professor in top pay bracket. *Tribune*. December 14, 2004: 9.

Jain, N.C., Justice

Mr N.C. Jain, a retired Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court, has been appointed Chairperson of the State Human Rights Commission of H.P. The previous Dhumal government had abolished the Commission. It was revived on the direction of the High Court on a public interest litigation. The government had appointed Mr A.L. Vaidya, a former Judge of the state High Court as its Chairperson. However, his appointement was quashed by the High Court and the post had been lying vacant since then. Mr Jain will take oath on December 3.

– N.C. Jain rights panel chief. *Tribune*. Nov. 25, 2004: 12.

Jain, R.K.

Mr. R.K. Jain, the Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Tax Department in the Madhya Pradesh Government died in Lokayukta police custody on July 15. Madhya Pradesh Government has ordered a magisterial probe as also CID investigation into his custodial death.

– Judicial probe ordered into official's death. *Hindu*. July 17, 2004: 13.

Jain, Rajat

Rajat Jain has been appointed as Vice-President and Managing Director of Walt Disney Co (India) as also Walt Disney Television International (India). He will join Disney from August 1, 2004.

– Executive Digest: Rajat Jain is V-P and M-D of Walt Disney India. *Times of India*. June 29, 2004: 11.

Jain, Ravindra

Noted music director, Ravindra Jain on April 11, joined the BJP ahead of the Lok Sabha polls. Media reports say that barely three weeks back he was spotted at the AICC headquarters to lend a helping hand to Congress President Sonia Gandhi in the Lok Sabha elections.

– Ravindra Jain in BJP fold. *Tribune*. April 12, 2004: 20.

Jain, Sajal

The Gujarat police has traced the prime accused in the alleged gang rape of a 24-year-old girl, who later committed suicide. "Sajal Jain who had been absconding after the incident was traced and found at a hospital in Delhi. The police has not yet arrested him and is awaiting report on his health status", Additional Commissioner of Police Keshav Kumar said.

– Gang rape accused traced. *Tribune.* January 12, 2004: 1.

Delhi-based businessman Sajal Jain, prime accused in the sensational Ahmedabad gang-rape case, was on January 14 arrested by the Gujarat police. Jain was flown to Ahmedabad where he would be produced in a court, police sources said. Jain, accused of raping a 24-year-old woman along with his three friends on New Year's eve in Ahmedabad, was admitted in a private hospital in Delhi following reported food poisoning before being traced there on Sunday night during a manhunt for him. He remained in ICU for five days and was shifted to the general ward yesterday after doctors felt his condition had "improved". Before taking him to Ahmedabad, a team of the Gujarat police interrogated Jain who reportedly denied having raped his girl-friend, the sources said.

– Sajal Jain held in rape case. *Tribune.* January 15, 2004: 2.

Jaipal Reddy, S.

Information and Broadcasting and Culture Minister S. Jaipal Reddy has been unanimously elected President of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) Trust, which has been in the eye of a storm in the wake of the wholesale removal of the existing members of the Trust. Mr Reddy's name was unanimously approved by the newly appointed trustees at a meeting on November 20. Besides Mr Reddy, those who attended the meeting included famed film-makers Mrinal Sen and Adoor Gopalakrishnan, renowned painter A. Ramachandran, eminent scientist Dr Roddam Narasimha, retired diplomat Salman Haider, and IGNCA's Member Secretary and trustee K.K. Chakravarty. Culture Secretary Neena Ranjan was also present as a special invitee.

– Jaipal Reddy elected IGNCA chief. *Tribune.* November 24, 2004: 2.

Jakhar, Balram

Veteran Congress leader and former Lok Sabha Speaker, Mr. Balram Jakhar, 81, has been appointed as the new Governor of Madhya Pradesh. He recently lost the Parliamentary election from Churu in Rajasthan. He succeeds Mr. R.P. Gupta who passed away in May 2004.

– R.L. Bhatia, Jakhar new Governors. *Tribune.* June 17, 2004: 1.

Jamir, S.C.

The President appoints S.C. Jamir as the Governor of Goa on July 5. (*Hindu.* July 6, 2004)

Janardhana Rao, S.

Upholding the award of three years' rigorous imprisonment to S. Janardhana Rao in a 1996 case for taking a bribe of Rs 3 lakh in a case pending before him and promising the accused that they would be acquitted if they paid the money, a Bench of Mr Justice B.N. Agrawal and Mr Justice A.K. Mathur of the Supreme Court said "the high court was wholly unjustified in doubting the veracity" of the evidence of witnesses against the judge. Mr Rao, at that time, was IIIrd Metropolitan Sessions Judge of Hyderabad.

– SC upholds conviction of Judge in bribery case. *Tribune.* November 21, 2004: 2.

Janarthanan, K.

K. Janarthanan, a young disabled boy of Chennai was presented the Best Creative Child with Disability Award by the President, Dr. Abdul Kalam at the National Awards for Welfare of Persons with Disabilities on World Disability Day, in New Delhi on December 3.

– *Hindu.* December 4, 2004: 4.

Jasjit Singh (Jaggi)

Mr. Jasjit Singh Jaggi becomes the first turbaned and bearded Sikh officer in the United States police. Jasjit Singh Jaggi has won a landmark case against New York Police Department which allows him to wear a turban at work. He is an alumnus of the Guru Nanak Engineering College, Ludhiana.

– Daljit Singh. Turbaned Sikhs can serve US police. *Tribune.* July 31, 2004: 9.

Jasmine, Meera

Meera Jasmine is adjudged the best actress at the Kerala State Film Awards 2003 function in Thruvananthapuram on March 3. (*Hindu.* March 4, 2004)

Jaspal Kaur (Bibi)

Bibi Jaspal Kaur, a Sikh woman from Thailand created history when she completed the translation of Guru Granth Sahib into Thai language after seven years of labour. Earlier Bibi Jaspal Kaur had translated 'Sukhmani Sahib' and 'Punj Banian' into the Thai language.

– Walia, Varinder. Thai translation of Guru Granth Sahib completed. *Tribune.* August 19, 2004: 9.

Jasraj, Pandit

Pandit Jasraj, a renowned exponent of Indian classical music was overcome with nostalgia, when he visited his native village, Pilimandori in Fatehabad district on December 30, 2003. Pandit Jasraj was born in Pilimandori village on January 28, 1930. He belongs to a family of musicians. His father Pandit Moti Ram and uncle Pandit Jyoti Ram were singers of the Jammu and Kashmir raj gharana. He, however, left the village and started learning classical music under the guidance of his elder brother Pandit Mani Ram. He married actor-director V. Shantaram's daughter, Madhura. His daughter, Durga Jasraj, is a well-known television personality. His son, Sarang Dev, is a music director. His two nieces, Sulakshana Pandit and Vijayeta Pandit, were film actresses while his nephews, Jatin and Lalit, are well-known music directors of Bollywood. Talking to mediapersons, Pandit Jasraj said there was no parallel of Indian classical music in the world. He said the trend of remix and pop music was like a tide in the ocean, which would subside with time, but classical music had very deep roots.

– Jasraj breaks down in mother tongue. *Tribune.* January 1, 2004: 18.

Jayalakshmi, A.

Sivakasi Jayalakshmi's allegations of sleaze against some of the top politicians and senior police officers of Tamil Nadu has created ripples in the State. Madras High Court has ordered CBI investigation into the allegations. Jayalakshmi made the allegations before the media about her "intimate relations" with them and her "exploitation" by them.

– SC to hear TN Govt's appeal in 'sleaze' case. *Tribune.* October 6, 2004: 2.

Supreme Court on October 15 rejected a SLP filed by the Tamil Nadu Government challenging a Madras High Court judgement ordering a CBI probe into the allegations of cheating and sexual exploitation made by Jayalakshmi (32) of Sivakasi against some police officers.

– Venkatesan, J. State probe into Jayalakshmi case an eyewash: apex court. *Hindu.* October 16, 2004: 7.

– Mohammed Imranullah S. Jayalakshmi case : CBI gets three months to complete probe. *Hindu.* December 7, 2004: 6.

Jayalalithaa, J.

Two months after the Supreme Court absolved her of charges in the TANSI land deal cases, a special court trying corruption cases acquitted Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa in the Rs 28.29-crore Southern Petrochemical Industries Corporation (SPIC) disinvestment case. Judge R. Rajamanickam, who delivered the much-awaited judgement in a packed court hall, held that the CBI which probed the case failed to prove the charges beyond reasonable doubts. Passing the benefit of the doubt to the accused—Ms Jayalalithaa and two others—Industrialist and SPIC Chairman A.C. Muthiah and former Tamil Nadu Industries Secretary C. Ramachandran, he held that they could not be found guilty under Section 120(b) of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 13 (2) and 13 (1) (b) of the Prevention of Corruption Act. J. Jayalalithaa and two other accused were present in the court when the Judge delivered the order. This is the fifth corruption case, filed against her by the previous DMK regime, in which she has been acquitted.

– Jayalalithaa acquitted in SPIC case. *Tribune.* January 24, 2004: 2.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Ms. J. Jayalalithaa on February 10 announced the reinstatement of all the 999 government employees in the Legislative Assembly. These Tamil Nadu Government employees were dismissed from service in July 2003 for participating in the strike. However, the employees will have to forego four annual increments with cumulative effect.

– Vydhianathan, S. Jayalalithaa reinstates all 999 dismissed Government employees. *Hindu.* February 11, 2004: 1.

According to a report published in the *Hindu*, the Supreme Court has ordered the transfer of disproportionate wealth case against the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister. Jayalalithaa to Karnataka. Karnataka has received this Supreme Court order after the Court rejected on February 17 petition filed by Ms. Jayalalithaa.

– Ramesh, B.S. Jayalalithaa case: Karnataka gets Supreme Court order. *Hindu.* February 26, 2004 : 12.

The Supreme Court rejects the Tamil Nadu CM, Jayalalithaa's plea to transfer 'disproportionate assets case' from a Bangalore Court on Feb. 17. (*Hindu.* February. 18, 2004)

– Editorial: Jaya's outbursts: Why blame the CAG. *Tribune.* August 17, 2004: 10.

The Supreme Court on 23 August directed the Tamil Nadu Government to hand over the trial records pertaining to two cases of disproportionate assets against Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa to a Bangalore court within a week. The Court directed the special court to depute a senior official who will go to Chennai to collect the papers and directed both Tamil Nadu and Karnataka to provide adequate police protection for the transportation of the voluminous trial court records.

– SC orders transfer of Jaya case files. *Tribune.* August 23 : 7.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Ms. J. Jayalalithaa on September 7 donated her three-month Salary of Rs. 30,000 towards the 'Annadhanam' (freemeal) scheme in three temples, namely: Sri Kallalagar Temple in Madurai, Sri Kapaleeswarar Temple, Chennai and Veera Anjaneyaswamy Temple in Cuddalore district.

– Jaya donates three-month salary towards Annadhanam. *Tribune.* September 8, 2004: 2.

In her first major television interview to BBC World's hard talk-India, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa discusses various issues including frequent Cabinet reshufles. She criticised the press for being "uncharitable, unfair, unjustified while adding that she is "a perfectly rational, sensible and a very responsible leader".

– BBC interview with Chief Minister Jayalalithaa: "I'm very responsible... incapable of acting in real life". *Hindu.* October 1, 2004: 11.

TN CM J. Jayalalitha is mulling over her political options and out to win friends and influence other parties with an eye on the state assembly elections scheduled for 2006. Her party's performance in the Lok Sabha Elections made her realise that she has to make amends for her administrative wrongs and scale new political alliances.

– Chastened Amma; hard talk and soft battles. *Tribune.* October 4, 2004: 10 (Editorial)

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, J. Jayalalithaa was on October 11, presented the Golden Star of Honour and Dignity Award by Natalya I. Krioutse, Head of International Human Rights Defence Committee in Chennai.

– Briefly: UN award for Jaya. *Tribune.* October 9, 2004: 2.

– *Hindu.* October 12, 2004: 6, 20.

Our very own Amma – the 'Revolutionary Leader' Dr. J. Jayalalithaa has been conferred the Golden Star of Honour and Dignity Award by no less important an organization than the Human Rights Defence Committee, chartered consultative body of the United Nations with headquarters in Ukraine. Tamil Nadu has had some great chief ministers, such as C. Rajagopalachari , K. Kamaraj and C.N. Annadurai — each of the different political persuasion — followed by a notable scriptwriter (M. Karunanidhi) and a famous actor (MGR), but none of them attained such heights as the present Chief Minister. For those, who may be inclined to belittle the Award, it may be added that the latest recipients of this honour were no less distinguished. They included United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Iceland Prime Minister David Austen. Ms. Jayalalithaa is certainly in very good company, though it is a different matter how Mr Annan and Mr Putin may feel about it.

– Human rites, an international award for Jayalalithaa. *Tribune*. October 14, 2004: 10.

The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) President Mr M. Karunanidhi accused Ms Jayalalithaa and the Chief Secretary Ms Lakshmi Pranesh, of violating official secrecy by filing a transcript of the conversation as part of Ms Pranesh's affidavit in the Supreme Court. In a strongly worded statement, Tamil DMK supremo asked, "Can a conversation between a Union Minister with a State Chief Minister be recorded? And can the Chief Secretary disclose these details in the Supreme Court?" He even lashed out at the Governor, Mr Rammohan Rao, and Ms Pranesh for allegedly acting like politicians and said it was up to the court, people who value morality and legal experts to decide on questions that arise out of this issue.

– DMK accuses Jaya, Chief Secy of violating norms. *Tribune.* October 31, 2004: 24.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa's move of making public her telephonic conversation with the Union Home Minister, Shivraj Patil over the transfer of the Governor, P.S. Rammohan Rao has snowballed into a major political controversy. With questions regarding "breach of propriety", "breach of privilege" her action faced strong criticisim from political quarters.

– Khare, Harish. Centre takes dim view of Jayalalithaa's action. *Hindu.* October 31, 2004: 1, 8.

– Venkatesan, J. "A breach of trust, not a violation of oath of secrecy". *Hindu.* October 31, 2004: 8.

Numerous activists of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, (VHP), Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP), Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) and other outfits of the Sangh Parivar, burnt an effigy of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaa in protest against the arrest of Kanchi seer Jayendra Saraswathi.

– Jayalalithaa's effigy burnt. *Tribune.* November 25, 2004: 12.

Tamilnadu CM Jayalalitha said in New Delhi on November 30 that the arrest of the Kanchi Sankaracharya, Jayendra Saraswathi, is the most painful decision that I have taken in my entire political career. This is not something I have done happily. My Government is doing its duty and police their duty and the law is taking its own course."

– I am doing my duty, says Jayalalithaa. *Hindu*. December 1, 2004:1.

Jayendra Saraswathi (Kanchi Sankaracharya)

Kanchi Shankaracharya Sri Jayendra Saraswathi was arrested on the night of November 11, at Mahbubnagar in Andhra Pradesh on the charge of murdering A. Sankararaman, Manager of the Varadarajaporumal Temple in Kanchipuram on September 3. He was taken aboard a special flight to Chennai in the wee hours of November 12 and was presented in a Kanchipuram court, which sent him to the Vellore jail.

- Editorial: The Sankaracharya's arrest. *Hindu*. November 13, 2004: 10.
- Chanda, Arup. Shankaracharya's followers go on the rampage: HC refuses bail to seer. *Sunday Tribune.* November 14, 2004: 1, 20.
- Muralidharan, Kavitha. Pre-meditated murder? *The Week.* 22 (52). November 28, 2004: 32-41.
- Menon, Amarnath K. Murder and the Monk. *India Today.* XXIX(47). November 23-29, 2004: 18-24.
- Editorial: Murder in the mutt; Don't politicise the Shankaracharya's arrest. *Tribune.* November 15, 2004: 10.

Kanchi Acharya Jayendra Saraswathi, an accused in a murder case reportedly told his lawyers on November 14 that the case has been "foisted" on him, while asking them to take all legal measures to defend him. Acharya is lodged in the Vellore Central Prison.

- Case foisted on me, Acharya tells lawyers. *Hindu.* November 15, 2004: 6.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, Jayalalithaa on November 17, told the State Assembly that her Government's action against the Kanchi Sankaracharya was based on "firm evidence of his involvement" in the Sankararaman murder case.

- Dorairaj, S. Firm evidence of Acharya's involvement: Jayalalithaa: "No intention at all of taking over Kanchi Mutt". *Hindu*. November 18, 2004: 1, 11.

Judicial Magistrate, Mr. G. Uttamarajan on November 19, remanded the Kanchi Shankaracharya in three-day police custoday for his alleged involvement in the Sankararaman murder case.

- Seer remanded police custoday. *Tribune.* November 20, 2004: 1, 20.

The message sent out by the apprehension and arrest of Sri Jayendra Saraswathi by the Tamil Nadu police in Andhra Pradesh was that nobody, however high in spiritual or temporal matters, was above the law.

- Editorial: Fanaticising the issues. *Hindu.* November 22, 2004: 10.
- Letter to the editor. *Hindu.* November 22, 2004: 10.

The Kanchi Sankaracharya, Sri Jayendra Saraswathi, on Nov 23 is made an accused in the case of the attack on a couple in Chennai on Sept. 20, 2002. (*Hindu.* Nov. 24, 2004)

There was no relief for the Kanchi Sankaracharya facing the murder and attempt-to-murder charges in the courts in Tamil Nadu. While the Metropolitan Judicial Magistrate sent him to jail till December 9, the Kancheepuram Judicial Magistrate extended his judicial remand till December 10. The Kancheepuram Judicial Magistrate, Mr G. Uttamarajan, extended the seer's judicial remand by 15 days to December 10 in the Sankararaman murder case. Around 11 am, Sri Jayendra Saraswathi was taken to the Kancheepuram court from Vellore Central Prison amidst tight security. The court proceedings were over within few minues. The seer was then brought to Saidapet here and produced before the Metropolitan Magistrate in connection with the attempt-to-murder case, the second to be slapped on him.

- Judicial remand for seer in both cases. *Tribune.* November 27, 2004: 2.
- Seer being treated with utmost dignity, Jaya tells PM. *Tribune.* November 27, 2004: 20.
- Seer's arrest : BJP turns on the heat in both Houses of Parliament. *Tribune.* December 3, 2004: 2.
- BJP's demand for debate on seer issue rejected. *Tribune.* December 3, 2004: 20.
- Shift Kanchi Acharya to another State, says Singhal. *Hindu.* December 3, 2004: 11.
- Transfer Acharya case to another State, BJP. *Hindu.* December 3, 2004 : 1.
- Seer booked in 2 more cases of attempt to murder. *Tribune.* November 24, 2004: 20.
- Judicial remand for seer in both cases. *Tribune.* November 27, 2004: 1, 2.

The Kanchi Sankaracharya Jayendra Saraswathi told the court on November 18 that he had been falsely implicated by the police by "fabricating evidence".

- I have been falsely implicated : Seer. *Tribune.* November 19, 2004: 20.
- Sri Raman, J. The trial of a seer : Equality before law is the real issue. *Tribune.* December 10, 2004: 10.

Jethmalani, Ram

Noted lawyer Ram Jethmalani who is an independent candidate from the

Lucknow Lok Sabha constituency contesting against Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, on April 16 withdrew from the contest. Prime Minister Vajpayee on April 14 had urged him to reconsider his decision of contesting against him (Vajpayee).

– Jethmalani withdraws form Lucknow. *Tribune*. April 17, 2004: 1.

– Swarup, Harihar. Profile: Ram: Never a dull moment. *Sunday Tribune*. April 25, 2004: 11.

Jha, Sachidanand (Justice)

The Patna High Court Judge Sachidanand Jha had been appointed the Chief Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court by President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. The appointment will take effect from the date he assumes charge of his ofice, a Presidential communique said.

– JK HC Chief Justice. *Tribune*. January 29, 2004: 1.

Justice Sachchidanand Jha was on February 4 sworn in Chief Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court. Earlier Justice Jha was a senior judge of the Patna High Court.

– Jha sworn in CJ of J&K High Court. *Hindu*. February 5, 2004 : 13.

Jindal, Bobby

The Indian American community had some cause for cheer as Republican candidate Bobby Jindal made history becoming only the second person of Indian origin to be elected to the US Congress. Dilip Singh Saund of California was elected to the US Congress in 1956. Mr Jindal (33) trounced his five opponents, polling 78 per cent or 2,13,610 votes. His nearest Democrat rival Roy Armstrong polled 7 per cent or 18,531 votes. Mr Jindal will represent the first district that covers New Orleans. Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 1971, Mr Jindal dropped his first name "Piyush" at the age of four in favour of Bobby after a character on the popular TV show "The Brady Bunch." He was raised a Hindu but later converted to Catholicism.

– Bobby Jindal wins from Louisiana. *Tribune*. November 4, 2004: 1.

Mr. Bobby Jindal becomes the second Indian-American ever to be elected to the US Congress. Thirty two year old Jindal is a Republican who won in the State of Louisiana.

– Ramachandran, Ramesh. No plan to visit India says Bobby Jindal. *Tribune*. November 12, 2004: 2.

– Briefly : Pravasi Samman for Bobby Jindal likely. *Tribune*. November 11, 2004: 2.

Jindal, Naveen

Noted industrialist Naveen Jindal, who successfully fought for the right of a citizen to hoist the tricolour, joined the Congress party on February 27.

– Naveen Jindal joins Congress. *Hindu.* February 28, 2004 : 11.

Jindal, O.P.

Jindal Group Chairman, Mr Om Prakash Jindal was today conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award by West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee at the Metal 2004 Seminar organised by the Bengal Chamber of Commerce. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Bhattacharjee said Mr Jindal was being presented the award for his outstanding contribution to the Indian iron and steel industry during the past 40 years. The Rs 12,000-crore Jindal Group has 20 factories.

– Award for O.P. Jindal. *Tribune.* November 5, 2004: 17.

Jog, V.G.

Renowned violinist and Padma Bhushan awardee, Mr. V.G. Jog (89) passed away in Kolkata on January 31 following a prolonged illness. Hailing from Maharashtra, Jog trained under S.N. Ratanjankar, Pandit V. Shashtri and the legendary Alluddin Khan who was the founder of the Maihar Band. Besides the Padma Bhushan, Jog was also the recipient of Sangeet Natak Akademi award, the West Bengal Government's Rajya Natak award, Kalidas Samman, Bhuwalka Puraskar, Hafiz Ali Khan award along with numerous other honours and prizes.

– Violinist dead. *Hindu.* February 1, 2004: 10.

Noted violinist Pandit V.C. Jog (89) passed away in Kolkata on January 31. In his condolence message to Jog's wife, the President said: "Pandit Jog was also well known for his music composition and producer whose music and composition left the connoisseurs spell bound".

– Kalam condoles death of Suraiya, Jog. *Hindu.* February 2, 2004: 8.

Jogi, Ajit

Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee ordered a CBI probe into the matter after Jogi wrote a letter to him. The CBI had filed a chargesheet against Jogi few days prior to the recent Assembly elections, alleging that he had used forged documents about the so-called operation "black sea" as genuine, while no such operation was ever conducted. The CBI had alleged that Jogi had tried to defame a very important intelligence organisation (IB) of the Government. The court has fixed February 24 for hearing arguments on Jogi's application challenging the chargesheet. A city court granted bail to former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Ajit Jogi in the "black sea" documents forgery case, filed against him by the CBI. Metropolitan Magistrate Sahabudin granted bail to Jogi after his executing a bail bond for Rs 10,000 and a surety of the like amount. Jogi was chargesheeted by the CBI in the case for allegedly forging certain documents to show that operation "black sea" had been launched by the Intelligence Bureau (IB) against him and some other Opposition leaders last year to look into their assets and to defame them.

– Bail for Jogi in forgery case. *Tribune.* January 15, 2004: 2.

The CBI on January 17 questioned former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Ajit Jogi for nearly four hours at its headquarters in New Delhi for allegedly bribing BJP leaders after the defeat of Congress in the recent Assembly elections in an attempt to "engineer" defection in BJP legislative party. Mr Jogi, who had been suspended from the Congress for allegedly dragging the name of Party President Sonia Gandhi while negotiating the "defection deal" with BJP MLA Virender Pandey and party MP Baliram Kashyap soon after the elections, reached the CBI headquarters in the afternoon accompanied by his lawyers. Mr Jogi was "trapped" by the BJP legislator and the MP, who were allegedly paid Rs 45 lakh, by recording his conversation on the defection proposal in an audio cassette, which later was played at a press conference by Union Law Minister Arun Jaitley.

The CBI had issued notice to him for appearing before the investigating team at its headquarters on January 15 and 17, after he failed to turn up on January 12. It had registered a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act and provisions of IPC against Mr Jogi, his son Amit Jogi and MP P.R. Khunte, who had defected to the Congress about two years ago and had "acted as conduit" in the alleged defection game. Apart from seeking his examination, the CBI has sought to record his "voice samples" to conduct voice spectography test and finger prints to match the same with the finger prints lifted from the currency notes paid to the BJP leaders, the agency sources said. He was also questioned about the sources of Rs 45 lakh "paid" to them. The agency, which has so far examined 29 people, including Khunte, Jogi's personal staff and driver, had taken voice samples of all those who were "involved" in the scandal. The CBI had earlier carried out raids at the residences of Mr Jogi, his son in Delhi and Raipur, premises of some other persons and claimed to have recovered certain improtant documents pertaining to the case.

– CBI questions Ajit Jogi. *Tribune.* January 19, 2004: 2.

Mr. Ajit Jogi, former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister was critically injured in a road accident on April 11. The accident took place at Gariabandh about 130 km from Raipur, when the vehicle carrying Jogi on electioneering in his Mahasamund Lok Sabha constituency rammed into a tree. He was admitted to a Mumbai hospital for specialised treatment.

– Ajit Jogi critically hurt in road accident. *Tribune.* April 12, 2004: 1, 20.

Joginder Singh

Mr Joginder Singh, Chief Editor of the *Spokesman* magazine, affirmed on January 4 that he would not appear before the Akal Takht Jathedar till the Sikh clergy is able to convince him of being guilty of any wrongdoing. He was summoned by the Akal Takht Jathedar, Giani Joginder Singh Vedanti to clarify his position before the Sikh clergy on January 7 for his alleged blasphemous acts. "I am committed to offering clarifications about each and every complaint sent by you. But we need to see the details of arguments advanced by the complainant and copies of the same should be made available...," Mr Joginder Singh said. He said he did not find anything wrong in the articles written by him on the Sikh religious issues. *"Spokesman"*, a weekly magazine published in Punjabi and English, is believed to be a "mouthpiece of the panth". After Barjinder Singh Hamdard, Managing Editor of a vernacular daily, Mr Joginder Singh is the second Editor to be summoned at Akal Takht.

– *Spokesman* editor not to appear before Takht. *Tribune.* January 5, 2004: 4.

Mr Joginder Singh, Editor of monthly magazine, *Spokesman*, on January 7, failed to appear before Akal Takht. The deadline for explaining his position on January 7 ended. Earlier, the Editor had questioned the validity of the notice issued by the Sikh clergy. The Sikh high priest had charged Mr Joginder Singh with violating the edict issued from Akal Takht by supporting the excommunicated Canada-based Sikh, Mr Gurbax Singh Kala Afghana. Mr Joginder Singh was also the main organiser of the Sikh conclave and Sarbat Khalsa' at Mohali last year in which participants had decided to oppose the Jathedars. However, Giani Joginder Singh Vedanti had indicated that the Editor could be given more time to explain his position. In case he (Mr Joginder Singh) continued to defy the directives of Akal Takht, action could be taken against him as per Sikh traditions. Instead, Mr Joginder Singh had started mobilising the public opinion against the 'arbitrary style' of functioning of the Jathedars. He claimed that the Jathedars had no authority either to summon any Sikh at Akal Takht or excommunicate from the community.

– Spokesman Editor fails to appear at Takht. *Tribune.* January 8, 2004 : 5.

Mr. Joginder Singh the editor of a Chandigarh magazine '*Spokesman*' was on February 5 declared "tankhaiya (guilty)" for his alleged blasphemous articles, by the Akal Takhat after a four-hour-long meeting with the top five clerics of the Sikh religion.

– Magazine editor held guilty. *Hindu.* February 6, 2004: 5.

Jogpal, T.D.

A former State Election Commissioner of Haryana, Mr T.D. Jogpal, has joined the Congress. He was admitted to the party by its Chief, Mr Bhajan Lal, at a rally held in Faridabad in pursuance of the decision taken by AICC President, Sonia Gandhi.

– Jogpal joins Congress. *Tribune.* November 24, 2004: 13.

Johar, Harnam Das

A 145-member group, including Punjabi writers, scholars, folk artistes, mediapersons, led by Minister for Higher Education, Harnam Dass Johar, on January 29 crossed over to Lahore to attend three-day World Punjabi Conference.

– Johar leads 145-member delegation to Pakistan. *Tribune.* January 30, 2004: 5.

Johar, Yash

Yash Johar, 76, died in Mumbai at 10.20 p.m. on June 26 after prolonged illness. He was admitted in the hospital on June 19 with severe chest congestion. He was cremeted on June 27 at the Shivaji Park Crematorium in Central Mumbai. His son and film director Karan Johar lit the funeral pyre.

– Yash Johar cremeted. *Tribune.* June 28, 2004: 2.

Johl, Sardara Singh (Dr)

As President of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economists, Dr S.S. Johl will focus on three major areas of concern: find solutions to problems that beset small farmers, work out specific policies to improve rural economy and tackle depleting water resources. Dr Johl is the first President of this prestigious body from North India. Talking to *The Tribune*, Dr Johl said on January 6 that the future of small farmers was grim, as their incomes and resources were low. This large segment lacked resources to increase production or shift to some other vocation. Survival of these farmers was as difficult as sustaining agriculture in a highly competitive environment. High cost of cultivation and low returns was forcing small farmer families out from villages to cities in search of better income avenues.

– Frame policies to improve rural economy, says Johl. *Tribune.* January 7, 2004 : 13.

Dr Sardara Singh Johl gets Padma Bhushan Award on January 26, 2004 for his work as an agricultural economist. He is former Prof. and Head, Dept. of Economics and Sociology, PAU, Ludhiana and Vice-chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala. Born on 2 August 1928 in Lyallpur district he did his M.Sc. (Agric. Economy) and Ph.D. from the Punjabi University. He has held many prestigeous assignments in public and private sectors.

– Grit, hardwork won him Padma Bhushan. *Tribune.* January 25, 2004: 5.

– Johl owes everything to his guru; says students act like robots, not humans. *Tribune.* January 29, 2004: 11.

Eminent agricultural economist, Dr. S.S. Johl has submitted his resignation. In a letter dated July 8, addressed to the Chief Minister Dr Johl said, "he did not find himself relevant to the system of your governance". He was Deputy Chairman of the Punjab State Planning Board enjoying the rank of Cabinet Minister.

– Dr. S.S. Johl resigns. *Tribune.* July 29, 2004: 5.

– CM rejects Johl's resignation. *Tribue.* August 2, 2004:3.

– Johl agrees to continue. *Tribue.* August 3, 2004: 3.

Jois, Rama, Justice

RJD President and former Bihar Chief Minister Laloo Prasad Yadav met President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and demanded recall of Bihar Governor for his remarks against the State Government in his Republic Day Address. "I have told the President that the Governor has failed to perform his constitutional duty. He is making Bihar his target keeping in mind the coming Lok Sabha poll," Mr Yadav told newspersons after the meeting.

– Laloo meets Kalam, seeks Governor's recall. *Tribune.* February 4, 2004 : 1.

Joseph, Nafisa

Former Miss India Nafisa Joseph (25) committed suicide on July 29. She hanged herself to death at her residence in Versova in Suburban Mumbai. According to the media reports quoting police sources, there was tension between Joseph, her parents and her fiance, Gautam Khanduja, a 28-year old businessman whom she was to marry in August. Nafisa Joseph was a popular video jockey with Channel V. Apart from modelling, she also acted in films and campaigned for the cause of animals.

– Rows over fiance led Nafisa to suicide. *Tribune.* July 31, 2004: 2.

- Shiv Kumar. Police records statement of Nafisa's fiance. *Tribune.* August 1, 2004: 2.
- Khanduja produces divorce papers. *Times of India.* August 2, 2004: 8.
- Nafisa believed Gautam was 'ultimate guy' for her. *Times of India.* August 2, 2004: 8.
- Editorial : Coming in the way of life. *Hindustan Times.* August 2, 2004: 6.
- Gautam blames Nafisa's drinking for break-up. *Tribune.* August 3, 2004 : 2.

The Bombay High court on November 11, granted anticipatory bail to the fiance of former Miss India Nafisa Joseph, businesman Gautam Khanduja in connection with her suicide.

- Briefly : Nafisa's fiance gets bail. *Tribune.* November 12, 2004 : 2.

Joshi, Avinash Deodatta

Air Marshal Avinash Deodatta Joshi, responsible for forming the famous 'Surya Kiran' aerobatic team at Bidar, on November 1 took over as the new Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Air Command. Air Marshal Joshi, who succeeded Air Marshal M.B. Madon, who retired from service on October 31, was commissioned in the IAF as a fighter pilot in June 1967. An ace pilot, he has over 3800 hours of flying experience to his credit on various variants of MIG-21s and MIG-23s.

- Joshi new AOC-in-C. *Tribune.* November 2, 2004: 2.

Joshi, B.L.

B.L. Joshi has been appointed the Lt. Governor of Delhi, a Rashtrapati Bhavan press communiqiue said on June 3. He succeeds Vijay Kapoor who has resigned after the Congress led - UPA Govt. came into power.

B.L. Joshi is sworn in the 18th Lt. Governor of Delhi on June 9. (*Hindu.* June 10, 2004)

Joshi, Narmohan

RSS leader Narmohan Joshi died after a heart attack in Hardwar on November 2 night. Area campaigner of central India for RSS, Mr Joshi was in Hardwar for two-day RSS executive committee meeting from November 5, 2004.

- RSS leader dead. *Tribune.* November 4, 2004: 2.

Joshi, Vandana

Vandana Joshi, a Nagpur-based girl has entered the Guinness Book of World Records for making the largest Rangoli of its kind in the globe. The publishers of the Guinness Book of World Records have issued her a certificate recognising a 466-sq-meters Rangoli made by her on February 7 as the "world's largest rangoli pattern".

– Briefly: World's largest rangoli. *Tribune*. July 23, 2004: 2.

Judeo, Dilip Singh

Investigations into the sting operation involving former Union Minister, Dilip Singh Judeo in 2003, suffered a setback, when the man who had conducted the operation (Bhupender Singh alias Rahul) told the Delhi High Court on July 5 that original video compact discs (VCDs) of the incident containing the entire episode had been damaged. Judeo was allegedly caught on a video camera taking bribe from an individual.

– Judeo episode; original VCDs 'damaged. *Hindu*. July 6, 2004: 10.

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Kabilan, S.

Mr. S. Kabilan, a 1972 batch IAS of Assam-Meghalaya cadre, was on October 15 appointed the Chief Secretary of Assam by the State Government. Kabilan was Additional Chief Secretary. He hails from Tamil Nadu.

– New Assam Chief Secretary. *Hindu.* October 16, 2004: 13.

Kabir, Altamas (Justice)

Justice Altamas Kabir of the Kolkata High Court has been appointed the Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court. Justice Kabir is the nephew of Prof. Humayun Kabir and the son of late Jahangir Kabir, a Minister in the West Bengal Government during Dr. B.C. Roy's Chief Ministership and later in Mr. Prafulla Chandra Sen's Ministry. An outstanding lawyer, Justice Kabir is an alumnus of Presidency College, Kolkata. He obtained his law degree from the Kolkata University and enrolled himself as an advocate in Kolkata High Court in 1973. Before being appointed as Judge of the Kolkata High Court on August 6, 1990, Justice Kabir practised in different district courts in the State and Supreme Court.

– Justice Kabir to be CJ of Punjab and Haryana HC. *Sunday Tribune.* October 17, 2004: 1.

Kakodkar, Anil (Dr)

Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Atomic Energy Commission Chief has been chosen for the Gujar Mal Modi Innovative Science and Technology Award for the year 2004, for his outstanding contribution to research and development of India's nuclear power programme. The award shall be presented to Dr. Kakodkar on August 9.

– Briefly : Modi Award for Anil Kakodkar. *Tribune.* July 21, 2004: 2.

Nuclear power is the only viable solution to meet the ever increasing demand for electricity in the country, the Atomic Energy Commission Chairman, Dr Anil Kakodkar, said. Delivering the 15th Gian Chand Jain memorial lecture at the DAV Public School auditorium, Dr Kakodkar said there was a strong co-relationship between per capita gross domestic product and per capita electricity consumption, and the quality of life in a country was directly dependent upon per capita electricity consumption.

– Atomic power can meet shortage, says Kakodhar. *Tribune*. November 21, 2004: 6.

Kale, Abhijit

Terming the Abhijit Kale episode as a black spot in the Indian Cricket history, former crickter Manoj Prabhakar on January 13 urged the BCCI to get to the bottom of the matter to bring out the truth.Only the best talent in the country should make it to the Indian cricket team, Prabhakar said while talking to reporters. Regarding allegations of match-fixing against him, Prabhakar said the charges could not be substantiated. He never moved the court as "an individual could not fight against the system". He said he planned to coach youngsters after the five-year ban imposed on him by the BCCI expired next year.

– Kale episode a black spot: Prabhakar. *Tribune*. January 14, 2004: 16.

Kalkat, Onkar Singh, Major-General (Retd.)

Major-General Onkar Singh Kalkat (retd) 86, passed away in Chandigarh on December 3 following a prolonged illness. He commanded 14 Infantry Division in the Western Sector during 1971 Indo-Pak hostilities. He also worked as Chief Military Intelligence Officer in the Cabinet Secretariet for two years.

– Kashmir operations hero Gen Kalkat dead. *Tribune*. December 4, 2004: 6.

Kalmadi, Suresh

The final modalities of the proposed All-Punjab Games involving West Punjab (Pakistan) and Punjab (India) will be decided in the forthcoming meeting for the South Asian Federation Games (SAF) at Rawalpindi, Pakistan. The delegation will be headed by Mr Suresh Kalmadi, President of the IOA and other members will be Mr Randhir Singh, secretary-general, IOA, Raja K.S. Sidhu, secretary-general, POA, and Mr R.L. Anand, Chef-de-Mission.

– Kalmadi heads team to Pakistan. *Tribune*. January 26, 2004: 19.

Kalra, S.P. (Lt-Gen)

Lieutenant-General S.P. Kalra has taken over as Director-General of Medical Services at Army Headquarters in New Delhi. An alumnus of G.R. Medical College. Gwalior, he joined the Armed Forces Medical Services in 1965.

– *Hindu*. February 29, 2004: 4.

Kalyan Singh

Mr Kalyan Singh's sudden meeting with the Prime Minister, Mr Atal Bihari Vajpayee, on December 24 at senior BJP leader Lalji Tandon's residence, raised speculations that Mr Kalyan Singh was on his way to rejoin BJP. Mr

Tandon even gave a statement that he would join the BJP on January 14. "There is no proposal to join the party. I have not received any proposal from the BJP, nor I had sent any proposal regarding this," he said. When asked in lighter vein whether his scheme to join the BJP had misfired. "Where is the question of misfiring, when I had no plans to join the party. The national executive of the RKP, however, has authorised Mr Kalyan Singh to take any decision for betterment of the RKP in the "present and changing political scenario". He was soft on the BJP on many issues and avoided criticising any of the saffron party leaders as he had been doing after being expelled from the party for six years in 1999.

– No move to rejoin BJP, says Kalyan. *Tribune.* January 5, 2004: 2.

– Kalyan in set to join BJP. *Tribune.* January 25, 2004: 2.

Mr Kalyan Singh rejoined the party at the BJP headquarters this evening, in the presence of party general secretaries Pramod Mahajan and Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, UP leaders Kalraj Mishra, Rajnath Singh and Vinay Katiyar admidst chanting of slogans by party workers. Later, addressing a press conference, along with Mr Naidu and other BJP leaders, Mr Kalyan Singh announced the merger of the Rashtriya Kranti Party (RKP) and also the resignation of two party ministers, Health Minister Rajbir Singh and PWD Minister Kusum Rai, from the Mulayam Singh-led government in Uttar Pradesh. Mr Kalyan Singh said he was happy to return "home" and pledged to go all out to ensure that the BJP regained strength in Uttar Pradesh. He expressed confidence that the party.

– Kalyan Singh back in BJP fold. *Tribune.* February, 2004: 1.

Former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, Kalyan Singh merges his Rashtriya Kranti Party with the BJP on Feb 3. (*Hindu.* Feb. 4, 2004)

Former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mr. Kalyan Singh was on August 6, made the State BJP chief. Media views this development as a daring move by the BJP in the biggest and politically most crucial State where the party had a severe drubbing in the recent Lok Sabha polls.

– Briefly: Kalyan made UP BJP chief. *Tribune.* August 7, 2004: 2.

Twelve years after the demolition of Babri Masjid, former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Kalyan Singh, a key witness in the case, finally appeared before the Liberhan Commission on December 2, promising to depose to the panel tomorrow in an affidavit. Kalyan Singh, who arrived at Vigyan Bhavan around 12 noon to depose as witness, sought to hear the two audio tapes of his speech made on February 3, 1993 at Kolkata, to enable him to prepare his defence. The tapes had been placed on record before the panel, probing into the Ayodhya demolition, by former West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu as evidence to prove that Kalyan Singh had "admitted" to his involvement in the Babri Masjid demolition. Kalyan Singh's evidence is considered as vital in Babri demolition probe, as he was the Chief Minister of UP when the structure was demolished on December 6, 1992.

- Kalyan appears before Liberhan panel. *Tribune.* December 3, 2004: 18.
- Kalyan Singh appears before Liberhan panal. *Hindu.* December 3, 2004: 15.

Kalyan Singh, the former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister appeared before the Liberhan Commission on December 3, for the first time in 12 years. He said that the demolition of the Babri Masjid on December 6, 1992 "was an act of God" and he had "no regrets, no repentance, no sorrow and grief".

- Venkatesan, J. Act of God : Kalyan Singh. *Hindu.* December 4, 2004 : 1, 11.

Kamal, Achanta Sharath

Sharath Kamal of India wins the Commonwealth table tennis championship in Kuala Lumpur on June 27. (*Hindu.* June 28, 2004)

India's Achanta Sharath Kamal defeated compatriot Soumyadeep Roy to claim the men's singles gold in the 16th Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship in Kuala Lumpur. It was for the first time that two Indians clashed for the title in the championship. Living upto expectations, Kamal, the defending national champion, recorded a facile victory over Roy in straight sets 11-8, 11-5, 11-6, 11-8 to claim the gold medal.

- Gold for Kamal. *Tribune.* June 29, 2004: 18.

Kamal Nath

Commerce and Industry Minister, Mr. Kamal Nath unveiled a five-year Foreign Trade Policy (2004-09) in New Delhi on August 31. It aims at doubling India's share of global merchandise trade by 2009.

- Choudhury, Gaurav. Foreign Trade Policy to boost farm, services sector exports. *Tribune.* September 1, 2004:1, 10.

Kamaljit Singh

Kamaljit Singh a suspected Khalistani terrorist was on October 8 deported from Germany for facing trial in India is various cases. He is suspected to be an activist of Khalistan Commandos Force. He was suspected to be involved in several cases of terrorist acts during the 1980s and 1990s.

- Khalistani ultra deported from Germany. *Times of India.* October 9, 2004: 1.

Kamath, M.V.

M.V. Kamath is among 19 persons selected for Padma Bhushan on Jan 25. (*Hindu.* Jan. 26, 2004)

M.V. Kamath was honoured with Padma Bhushan on June 30. (*Hindu.* July 1, 2004)

Kanjla, M.S.

The Punjab Vigilence Bureau on June 29 arrested Superintending Engineer, M.S. Kanjla and 23 other engineers in a State-wide crackdown. Preliminary investigation into the matter has revealed that huge quantities of bitumen, meant for construction and repair of roads in the State, were allegedly being diverted by the engineers after taking bribe from trader Satnam Arora, Proprietor of Messrs Servo Road Lines in Ludhiana. Arora was allegedly mixing bitumen with Kerosene for making 'cheap' furnace oil before selling it at higher rates to the industries.

– SE Kanjla, 23 other engineers held in bitumen scam. *Tribune.* June 30: 1.

Kannan, R.

Mr. R. Kannan, the Director of Elementary Education of Tamil Nadu was suspended following the Kumbakonam fire tragedy at a school which claimed the lives of 93 students. Media reports quoting the State Government officials write, "Though the Director was not directly responsible for the fire tragedy, he owed the moral responsibility..."

– Tamil Nadu Education Director suspended. *Tribune.* July 23, 2004: 2.

Kanshi Ram

Delhi High Court, on May 25 issued notices to the Centre, City Police Chief, Batra Hospital Medical Superintendent and Rajya Sabha Secretary on a petition by BSP leader Kanshi Ram's mother and two brothers. In their petition filed through counsel Vikas Sharma, Kanshi Ram's mother Bishan Kaur and brothers Harbans Singh and Dalbara Singh alleged that he was "being kept as a virtual prisoner" and sought free access to the ailing BSP leader. The petitioners alleged that during the last eight months they had come to the Capital 10 times but had not been able to meet him. Seeking the Court's intervention in the matter, the petitioners expressed apprehension that "Kanshi Ram is being illegally detained and is not allowed to move and have treatment at a place of his own choice". They also claimed to have learnt that "Kanshi Ram made an attempt to leave the hospital but was put under sedatives. The effort is to keep him away from his family circles as also other social circles". Recalling their last visit to the BSP leader on

April 24, they said Kanshi Ram needed "emotional support", which could be provided by none other than his mother. Kanshi Ram's aged mother and brothers alleged that on that date they were told not to make any attempts to meet him. Further, on May 21, the hospital staff and security personnel prevented them from meeting the BSP leader.

The 95-year-old mother of the Bahujan Samaj Party leader, Kanshi Ram, on December 2 moved the Supreme Court seeking her son's release from the 'illegal confinement' of the Party President, Mayawati. Bishan Kaur has challenged a Delhi High Court order, which rejected her plea stating that Mr. Kanshi Ram was living in the residence of Mayawati on his free will and without any pressure. The High Court appointed one of the Registrars as the Court Commissioner, who recorded the statement.

– Kanshi Ram's mother moves Supreme Court. *Hindu.* December 3, 2004 : 13.

Kanwaljit Singh

Mr. Kanwaljit Singh, a 1969 batch IPS of West Bengal cadre on June 30, took over as the new Director-General of the Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). He succeeds Mr R.K. Aggarwal following his retirement.

– Kanwaljit is ITBP chief. *Tribune.* July 1, 204: 17.

Kanwar, Onkar Singh

Onkar Singh Kanwar, the Chairman and Managing Director of the Apollo Tyres took over as the new President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) for 2004-05 on December 28, at the FICCI's 77th annual session in New Delhi.

– Onkar Kanwar new FICCI President. *Hindu.* December 29, 2004: 14.

Kapany, Narinder Singh

Dr Narinder Singh Kapany, considered as the father of fiber optics in the USA, will be honoured with the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman this year. He will be honoured by the Prime Minister, Mr Atal Bihari Vajpayee, on January 9. He has been selected by a jury-cum-award committee headed by the Vice-President, Mr Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, and the NCM chairman, Mr Tarlochan Singh, as its member. Mr Kapany has over 100 patents in fiber optics in his name.

– Samman for two Punjabis. *Tribune.* January 9, 2004: 2.

Kapil Dev

The autobiography of Kapil Dev, *Straight from the Heart*, was released on January 5 in New Delhi by his mother Raj Rani Nikhanj. On the occasion, Kapil said that the main purpose of the book was to clear the hypocracy practised in the society. He added that the book was an honest, candid account of his life. "I have nothing to hide, no axe to grind," he declared.

– Kapil bares it all in autobiography. *Tribune.* January 6, 2004: 17.

Kapoor, Anish

Mr. Anish Kapoor, London-based sculptor has been chosen to create a memorial in New York for the 67 British victims of the September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Centre. The British Memorial Garden Trust, patronised by Prince Charles, chose Kapoor from among 11 other famous artists who had submitted designs.

– Briefly: NRI sculptor's memorial for Sept. 11 victims. *Tribune.* April 2, 2004: 9.

Kapoor, Mahendra

Noted playback singer Mahendra Kapoor, known for lending his voice to mostly patriotic and religious songs, has been selected for this year's prestigious Kavi Pradeep Samman in recognition of his contribution in the field of music. The award, the third in the series, will be bestowed on him at Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh on birth anniversary of late Kavi Pradeep on February 6.

– Mahendra Kapoor to get Pradeep Samman. *Tribune.* January 25, 2004 : 2.

Kapoor, M.P. (Dr)

The Punjab Vigilance Department has registered a case of misappropriation of funds against former Director of the Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, Dr M.P. Kapoor. He recently took over as Director of the Punjabi University College of Engineering. According to the FIR registered at the Vigilance Police Station in Patiala, he tampered with records of the 95 per cent grant given to the College during his tenure. The FIR also states that the Institute received Rs 14 lakh during his tenure, under the Prime Minister Rozgar Yojna. It adds that this money was not deposited in the State Bank of Patiala in which the Institute maintains its accounts.

– Engg. College Director booked for graft. *Tribune.* January 30, 2004: 20.

Kapoor, S.D.

MMTC Chairman is facing court cases over the extension of service granted to him by the previous National Democratic Alliance Government. The petition filed in the Supreme Court by CPIL, alleged that Kapoor, who was appointed MMTC Chairman in 1998, was given extention in 2003 despite the CVC recomending action against him for the alleged irregularities and also ordering the CBI probe into the matter. In spite of the CVC denying clearance for extending his tenure, the previous NDA government had gone ahead with its decision to retain him beyond his fixed five years term. In view of this petition, the Supreme Court on November 16 sought a reply from the Centre.

– SC notice to Centre, CVC on extension to MMTC chairman. *Tribune.* November 17, 2004: 14.

Kapur, M.S.

The Chairman and Managing Director of Vijaya Bank, who started his banking career some 32 years ago as a clerk in the Punjab and Sind Bank attributes his success to the grace of God. An alumnus of the Govt Model School, Ladowali Road, Jalandhar and Lyallpur Khalsa College, Jalandhar, Kapur rose to this position by dint of hardwork and capability.

– Jalandhar man's journey from clerk to bank MD. *Tribune.* November 27, 2004: 17.

Karnad, Girish

Noted actor-director Girish Karnad on January 28 resigned from the post of Chairman of the jury of Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) for short documentaries and animation films beginning next month. Karnad's announcement comes four days after a group of film-makers withdrew from the event, protesting against censorship clause that had been introduced for the Indian films at the seven-day festival beginning Feb. 3.

– Karnad resigns from MIFF jury. *Tribune.* January 30, 2004: 2.

Karnik, Kiran

IT specialist, Kiran Karnik has been named among 25 'Stars of Asia' by the US-based magazine, *BusinessWeek.* It is seen as a recognition of Mr. Karnik's lobbying skills backed by his strong technological credentials. Karnik has earned a place in the category of Opinion Shapers.

– *Business Week* names Sonia, Tata as 'Stars of Asia'. *Hindu.* July 6, 2004: 15.

Kartar Singh

As many as 50 wrestlers on June 27 aired their grievances against Mr Kartar Singh, President, Punjab Wrestling Association, submitting a signed memorandum against him to Mr M.S. Malik, President, Wrestling Federation of India. The committee headed by Mr Darshan Lal, Secretary, Chandigarh Wrestling Association, alleged that Mr Kartar Singh had brought bad name to wrestling fraternity. It may be recalled that a few days back, Delhi High Court had restrained Mr Kartar Singh and his associates, Mr Prem Nath, Mr M.P. Tiwari as well as the Indian Olympic Association from interfering in the functioning of the WFI headed by Mr Malik. The committee also charged Mr Kartar Singh with sending persons abroad by misusing the sport and also for embezzling the diet money of various wrestlers. When Athens Olympics were so near, why Mr Kartar Singh was vitiating the atmosphere by demoralising seven wrestlers undergoing training for the Olympics, the memorandum asked.

– Memorandum against Kartar. *Tribune*. June 28, 2004: 19.

Karunakaran, K.

The veteran Congress leader, K. Karunakaran is among eight elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha on March 19. (*Hindu*. March 20, 2004)

Kasturirangan, K. (Dr)

Former Chairman of ISRO, Prof. (Dr) K. Kasturirangan was awarded the Asutosh Mookerjee Memorial Award on January 3, 2004 in Chandigarh during the 91st session of the Indian Science Congress by the Union Minister of HRD, Dr M.M. Joshi.

– 13 scientists get awards. *Tribune*. January 3, 2004 : 3.

Kathiria, Valabhabhai

Valabhabhai Kathiria was given charge of Health and Family welfare Ministry of Govt of India. (*Hindu*. Jan. 9, 2004)

Katiyar, Vinay

– Editorial: Churning in BJP: Katiyar pays for his rabble-rouser image. *Tribune*. July 22, 2004: 10.

Katju, Markandey, Justice

Justice Markandey Katju is sworn in Madras High Court Chief Justice on Nov. 28. (*Hindu*. Nov. 29, 2004)

Katwal, S.M.

The Enforcement Department of Himachal Pradesh has detected irregularities in the selection of physical education teachers and sought the permission of the Government to register case against Mr S.M. Katwal, former Chairman of the State Subordinate Services Selection Board (SSSSB), in this connection. According to sources in the Department, investigations have revealed that marks awarded in the interview and written test have been changed arbitrarily to ensure selection of favoured candidates.

– SSSSB ex-chief faces another case. *Tribune.* January 15, 2004: 15.

Suspended HPSSSB Chairman Surinder Mohan Katwal while addressing mediapersons on January 21 said till date he had not released any audio tape containing his conversation with Congress leaders. However, he said contents published in various newspapers were the same as that of the tape which he handed over to Mr Arvind Kaul, Secretary, Home, now Chief Secretary of Himachal Pradesh. He denied that he had anything to do with the BJP and said he retired as a Government official and later appointed as a Chairman of the SSSB. He said he had no political leanings. But whenever he issued a statement he was dubbed as a BJP agent which was totally wrong.

– Katwal denies releasing tape. *Tribune.* January 22, 2004: 7.

Kaul, A.K. (Prof.)

Prof. A.K. Kaul, from the Law Faculty of Delhi University, has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of the National Law University, Jodhpur. Prof. Kaul has a distinguished academic career spanning more than three decades and has authored several books.

– Briefly : Prof. Kaul is VC of law varsity. *Tribune.* November 12, 2004 : 2.

Kaul, Gautam

Mr. Gautam Kaul, the Secretary of the Delhi Symphony Society and a former civil servant has been selected by the Government of Italy along with four other Indians for the prestigious "Star of Italian Co-operation" medal.

– Briefly: Italian honour for Indians. *Hindu.* October 16, 2004: 4.

Keshava Rao, K.

Senior Congress leader Mr. K. Keshava Rao was appointed the President of the Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee on October 30. He is a backward class leader. A former, journalist, Rao also served as Deputy Chairman of the Legislative Council.

– Keshava Rao appointed PCC chief. *Hindu.* October 31, 2004: 6.

Khan, Abrar Mustafa (Prof.)

Prof. Abrar Mustafa Khan (86), a botanist of international repute and former Chairman and Dean of the Faculty of Science in Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) passed away in Aligarh on December 10. He was a Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences. He was also the founder-President of the Nematological Society of India. In 1973, he was awarded the Rafi Ahmad Kidwai Award for his outstanding contribution in the field of agricultural sciences.

– Noted botanist passes away. *Hindu.* December 12, 2004: 5.

Khan, Amanullah

A TADA court has issued an arrest warrant against Pakistan-based Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front Chairman Amanullah Khan in connection with the killing of six Air Force officials in Srinagar in 1989. The presiding officer, Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act (Tada) court, P.N. Razdan issued the warrant on January 18 against Khan, who was earlier declared an absconder. Khan along with Kashmir-based JKLF Chief Yasin Malik and JKLF activitists Shoukat Ahmed Bakshi and Bitta Karate are accused in the case.

– Arrest warrant against Amanullah. *Tribune.* January 19, 2004: 6.

Khan, Amjad Ali

Caught in a dilemma after the recent discomfort and humiliation while sharing the stage with Ustad Bismillah Khan, sarod maestro Amjad Ali Khan finally called it quits with any Indian musician except his sons. For a man, who gave his first recital at just six, this was a tough decision. But he chose never to play with any other Indian musician to save himself from facing discomfort and public humiliation. The sarod maestro confessed that he was uncomfortable with those who were not "gurubhais". With the Kolkata episode still fresh in his mind, he decided to play duet with Western musicians rather than his contemporaries in India.

– Amjad calls it quits with Indian musicians. *Tribune*. January 19, 2004: 2.

Khan, Gulzar

Gulzar Khan, an inter-state gangster and five of his accomplices were nabbed by the police, in Haldwani, Nainital district on August 28. Khan was wanted in at least 20 cases and also carried a cash award of Rs. 10,000 on his head.

– Vashishtha, Swati: Gangster held at Haldwani. *Tribune*. August 30, 2004 : 2.

Khan, K. Rahman

Mr. K. Rahman Khan, chartered accountant turned educationist was on July 22, unanimously elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. His unanimous election followed the withdrawal by the Shiv Sena candidate Eknath Thakur of his symbolic candidature. Khan was Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilisers in the ruling Dr. Manmohan Singh Government. He is a veteran Congress leader.

Rahman elected R.S. Deputy Chairman. *Tribune.* July 23, 2004: 2.

Khan, Nayeem Ahmed

Nayeem Ahmed Khan, senior Kashmiri separatist leader and National Front Chairman was released on October 11 following a 10-month-long jail term. His release came after the Jammu and Kashmir High Court quashed his detention under the Public Safety Act.

– Separatist leader released. *Hindu.* October 12, 2004: 11.

Khan, Salman

Bollywood actor Salman Khan, facing trial for killing protected wild animals, was on January 3 allowed by a local court at Jodhpur to go abroad for participating in a film shooting and a stage show. Chief Judicial Magsitrate Mohammad Salim Malik granted permission to Salman for visiting Mauritius and Dubai from January 4 to February 6 on an application filed by his counsel Hastimal Saraswat. Salman sought permission of the court to visit Mauritius for participating in the shooting of film "Mujse Shaddi Karogi" from January 4 to February 3 and an entertainment stage show in Dubai from February 4 to 6. The actor is facing trial in three cases of killing black bucks and chinkaras and another of illegal possession of arms.

– Salman allowed to go abroad. *Tribune.* January 5, 2004: 2.

Khan, Vilayat (Ustad)

Ustad Vilayat Khan (76), sitar maestro died at the Jaslok Hospital, in Mumbai on March 13, 2004)

– Dutta, Partho, Obituary: Khan of grace. *Frontline*. 21(7). April 9, 2004: 93-94.

Khandelwal, A.K.

Mr. A.K. Khandelwal the Executive Director of Bank of Baroda was on February 5 appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Dena Bank.

– Khandelwal new CMD of Dena Bank. *Hindu.* February 6, 2004: 18.

Khangwal, Varsha

Varsha Khangwal has topped in the Haryana Civil Services Examination. The result of the HCS was announced on January 2. Ms Khangwal, who did her post-graduation in history from Panjab University with 69.2 per cent marks, is a daughter of retired Deputy Excise and Taxation Commissioner Suraj Bhan Khangwal. She lives in Hisar and has one elder sister who is a dental surgeon and a younger brother who is doing BDS. Talking to TNS over telephone, Varsha said she had studied six hours daily on an average for appearing in the HCS examinations. Her subjects in the examination were history and sociology.

– Hisar girl Varsha tops HCS exam. *Tribune.* January 3, 2004: 22.

Khanna, Kamal Krishan (Lt Gen)

Lt-Gen K.K. Khanna has taken over as the Chief of Staff, Headquarter Northern Command at Udhampur in J&K. Gen Khanna was earlier Major General (general staff) at the same headquarters. An alumni of National Defence Academy, Gen. Khanna was commissioned in June 1967 in the 16th battalion of the Jat regiment which he later on commanded from June 1988 to May 1990. He has been awarded with AVSM.

– Takes charge. *Hindu.* February 9, 2004: 12.

– New Chief of Staff for Northern Command. *Hindu.* February 10, 2004: 3.

Lt Gen K.K. Khanna on November 30 took over as the Commandant of the prestigious Indian Military Academy (IMA) in Dehra Dun. He took the charge of the IMA chief from Lt Gen G S Negi, who retired on that day after serving the Army for nearly four decades, a release from the Academy said. Lt Gen Khanna was commissioned on 11 June 1967 into the 16th Battalion of the Jat Regiment. During his illustrious career spanning nearly 37 years, Lt Gen Khanna became Maj General staff of Northern Command in 2002. During the first seven years of his service, he served in Manipur and Mizoram combating militants in the North-East. He subsequently was given the challenging task of raising 10 Sector Rashtriya Rifles.

– Lt. Gen K.K. Khanna new IMA chief. *Times of India.* December 1, 2004: 9.

Lt. Gen. Kamal Krishan Khanna took over as Commandant of the Indian Military Academy in Dehradun on November 30. He succeeds Lt. Gen. G.S. Negi who has retired. An alumnus of St. Columbia's High School, New Delhi, Gen. Khanna was commissioned into the Army in 1967. A distinguished warrior and administrator, he has held many important assignments before becoming the head of this cradle for warriors. He has combated militants in the North-East, raised the prestigious 10 Sector Rashtriya Rifles and commanded it in Jammu and Kashmir and was till recently the Chief of Staff, HQ, Northern Command. He is also the Colonel of the Jat Regiment.

– IMA Commandant assumes charge. *Hindu.* December 1, 2004: 5.

Khati, L.N.

Mr. L.N. Khati, the recently appointed Managing Director of the Apex Bank, Bhopal was on March 29 placed under suspension. Khati's suspension is viewed by the media as the result of the tussle between ruling BJP and the main opposition Congress in Madhya Pradesh for control over cooperative sector in the State.

– Apex bank MD suspended. *Tribune.* March 31, 2004: 17.

Khemka, Ashok

Mr. Ashok Khemka, 39-year-old IAS officer, who created a furore by opposing the practice of transfer of school teachers in the middle of an academic session by the Haryana Chief Minister's office, was shifted as OSD (Rules) on September 26 from the post of the Director, Secondary Education. He was simultaneously divested of the charge of Joint Secretary, IT as well. Media reports write that Khemka is paying the price for trying to reform the education sector.

– Gupta, Yoginder. Controversial Haryana officer Khemka shifted. *Tribune.* September 27, 2004: 1.

– Choudhury, Shubhadeep. Khemka paying the price of being upright officer. *Tribune.* September 29, 2004: 7.

Kher, A.K., Maj-Gen.

Maj-Gen A.K. Kher has been appointed the new Colonel Commandant of Corps of EME. Commissioned in the Corps in December, 1966, he is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy. He has held various staff, command and instructional appointments in the career. He commanded a combined workshop and was Commandant of the EME Centre, Bhopal. Presently, he is serving as the Commander, Technical Group, EME, at Delhi.

– New Colonel Commandant of EME Corps. *Tribune.* January 7, 2004: 2.

Kher, Anupam

Anupam Kher, who completed one year as the Censor Board Chief, was asked by the Information and Broadcasting Ministry to step down but the noted film personality showed no inclination to put in his papers. Kher was appointed by the previous NDA Government to head the Central Board of Film Certification, which is commonly known as the Censor Board. They said the actor would not resign as he considered the Government's decision as "unjust". They said Kher was not given any reason for the "surprise directive" and the actor felt that the directive was tantamount to questioning his credibility. BJP spokesman Arun Jaitley said the Government's action amounted to setting a "wrong tradition" following upon "removal" of Governors and changes in the field of education. He said there were some positions which had no link to politics or ideology. "The Censor Board Chairmanship is one such post." Mr. Jaitley said though the actor was appointed during the NDA rule, " he has no ostensible political background." The Congress, however, refused to be drawn into the controversy over Kher being asked to step down but said the party was against " cultural policing".

- Sharmila new Censor Board chief; Anupam Kher told to resign. *Tribune.* October 14, 2004: 2.

Noted Bollywood actor Anupam Kher has been asked to quit as the Chairman of the Censor Board, two years ahead of his three year tenure. CPI(M) General Secretary Harkishen Singh Surjit had written an article in the party mouthpiece *'People's Democracy'* on the need to "de-saffronise" posts and "linking" Kher to RSS. Mr. Kher hit out at the UPA government at the centre for succumbing to pressure of the Left. "They (UPA) are so dependent that if asked to bend they crawl.

- Kher's ultimatum to Surjeet. *Tribune.* October 15, 2004:2.
- Editorial: Censoring Kher: CBFC chairmanship is not political. *Tribune.* October 15, 2004: 10.
- Surjeet must apologise: Kher. *Hindu.* October 15, 2004: 1.
- CPI (M) to respond 'legally'. *Hindu.* Oct. 15, 2004: 1..

The CPI (M) denied on October 15 that Anupam Kher had been described as an "RSS man" in the party mouthpiece 'People's Democracy'.

- Kher not called RSS man: Yechuri. *Tribune.* October 16, 2004: 22.

Noted actor Anupam Kher was sacked by the Congress led UPA government at the Centre from the post of Chairman of Central Board of Film Certification following his criticism by the CPM General Secretary, Harkishen Singh Surjeet, who dubbed Kher as an RSS man. Barely a year back he was appointed chairman by the BJP led NDA government.

- Swarup, Harihar. Profile: Shabby treatment to a creative genius. *Sunday Tribune.* October 17, 2004:13.

Former Censor Board Chairman Anupam Kher on October 19 initiated criminal proceedings in a magistrate's court against CPM general secretary Harkishen Singh Surjeet for allegedly describing him an "RSS man", in a defamatory article in CPI-M journal *People's Democracy.*

- Kher files suit against Surjeet. *Times of India.* October 20, 2004: 7.

Kher, Kiron

Actress Kiron Kher's powerful performance as a middle-aged woman caught between the forces of fundamentalism on either side of the Indo-Pakistan border in the film "Khamosh Pani" has been awarded at the Karachi Film

Festival in Pakistan. The film, which makes a hardhitting statement on the growing fundamentalism under the rule of Gen Zial-ul-Haq, also won the award for best screenplay and a special jurors award at the festival held recently. Kiron had earlier been awarded for her performance at the Loacarno and Cape Town film festivals. Reacting to the award, Kiron said, "It is wonderful to know that the film has been appreciated in Pakistan. It is very satisfying to know that there are people on either side of the border who are concerned about fundamentalism." "It is heartening to know that there are intellectuals who have the heart in the right place on both sides of the border," she said, adding that it was also a positive sign that transcending geographical boundaries, artistes were now being appreciated for their work. The film was made by a Pakistani settled in Delhi and shot entirely in Pakistan. The film receiving the award at the festival goes to prove the genuineness of the award and recognition awarded to good work, she said., "Everyone is quite aware that Indian films are highly in demand in Pakistan. Such awards and recognition would only help in opening up the market on either side of the border," the actress opined.

– Kiron Kher wins award at Pakistan fest. *Tribune*. January 5, 2004: 2.

Khoda, Gagan

Rajasthan's Gagan Khoda will lead Central Zone in the Duleep Trophy and Deodhar Trophy, the Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association announced in Indore. The committee which met under BCCI treasurer, Jyoti Bajpai, also the convener of the committee, on Jan 10 named Khoda as captain for the two teams, MPCA said in a press note.

– Khoda to lead, *Tribune*. January 12, 2004 : 18.

Khullar, Sindhushree

Ms. Sindhushree Khullar, an IAS officer of the 1975 batch on February 10 took over as the new Chairperson of the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC). She succeeds Mr. Ramesh Narayanaswamy. Ms. Khullar was the Development Commissioner in the Delhi Government.

– Briefly : NDMC chief takes oatch. *Hindu*. February 11, 2004: 4.

Khurana, Madan Lal

Mr Madan Lal Khurana would be sworn in as the new Governor of Rajasthan in Jaipur on January 14, according to official information on January 13. The Former Union Minister and senior BJP leader had recently been appointed to the post. Rajasthan High Court Chief Justice Anil Dev Singh would administer the oath of office to Mr Khurana in the afternoon at the lawns of the Raj Bhavan.

– Khurana to assume office today. *Tribune.* January 14, 2004: 1.

Senior BJP leader and former Delhi Chief Minister Madan Lal Khurana was sworn-in as Rajasthan Governor in Jaipur on January 13. Rajasthan High Court Chief Justice Anil Dev Singh administered the oath of office to Mr Khurana at a specially-erected pandal on the sprawling lawns of Raj Bhavan. Mr Khurana, 15th occupant of the gubernatorial office in the State, took over in place of Gujarat Governor Kailashpati Mishra who was holding the additional charge of Rajasthan Governor since the death of previous incumbent, N.C. Jain.

– Khurana sworn-in as Rajasthan Governor. *Tribune.* January 15, 2004: 2.

Rajasthan Governor, Madan Lal Khurana resigned from his post on Oct 25, 2004. He has declared that he will take up the issues affecting the people of Delhi. He had taken over as the Governor on January 13, 2004.

– Khurana resigns as Rajasthan Governor. *Hindu.* October 26, 2004 : 1.

Khurana, S.M. Paul

Dr. S.M. Paul Khurana, an eminent farm scientist and Director of the Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of Rani Durgawati University, Jabalpur. Besides the release of various improved varieties of potato, Dr Khurana has been credited with standardisation of aphid forecasting model and detection of potato viruses. He was also conferred the Best Scientist award for 2000 by the National Environmental Sciences Academy. He also bagged the Dr Swaminathan Memorial Award in 2003 for contribution in potato research and development.

– Khurana VC of Jabalpur varsity. *Tribune.* November 1, 2004: 4.

Kidwai, A.R. (Dr.)

The President appoints A.R. Kidwai as the Governor of Haryana on July 5. (*Hindu.* July 6, 2004)

Mr. A.R. Kidwai was sworn in as the 14th Governor of Haryana by the Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Justice B. K. Roy in Raj Bhawan at Chandigarh on July 7.

– Kidwai sworn in Governor of Haryana. *Tribune.* July 8, 2004: 8.

Scientist, academician and administrator and a Ph. D in Chemistry from Cornell University, USA, in the forties, Dr. Kidwai joined Aligarh Muslim University in 1951 and served it for 16 years. He joined the Union Public Service Commission in 1967 and served it for 12 years as a Member and later as its Chairman. He also served as Governor of Bihar and West Bengal.

– Sood Prashant. On Record: Governor should inspire confidence among all sections: Kidwai. *Sunday Tribune*. July 11, 2004: 12.

Haryana Governor Dr. A.R. Kidwai and four other personalities, including former Chief Vigilance Commissioner Mr. N. Vittal, were on July 30 conferred "Naitik Samman" by the President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

– "Naitik Samman" for Kidwai, Vittal. *Tribune*. July 31, 2004:2.

The Haryana Governor, Dr A.R. Kidwai, will take the oath of secrecy at the Punjab Raj Bhavan on September 30 at 12:30 p.m. in Chandigarh. He will take over as Governor of Punjab and the Administrator of Chandigarh as Justice O.P. Verma has proceeded on leave.

– Kidwai to take oath today. *Tribune*. Sept. 30, 2004:8.

Mr A.R. Kidwai, Governor of Haryana, was on September 30 sworn in as Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh during the leave period of Justice O.P. Verma (retd), who has proceeded to USA and UK till October 16.

– Kidwai sworn in Punjab Governor. *Tribune*. October 1, 2004: 6.

A constitutional controversy has erupted in Haryana following the reported move of the Governor, Dr A.R. Kdiwai, to seek the opinion of the Attorney-General of India, Mr Milon Banerjee, on the three Bills passed by the Assembly in its last session extending the time period during which the elections to panchayats and municipal bodies can be held. Under the existing law, these elections can be held two months prior to the expiry of the term of these bodies. The new Bills extend this period to four months.

– Kidwai to seek opinion of Attorney-General. *Tribune*. November 8, 2004 : 1.

The Haryana Governor, A.R. Kidwai, is understood to have returned two Bills seeking to advance elections to the panchayati and municipal bodies in the State for reconsideration by the Assembly which will be having its last session on December 1. The Governor is understood to have raised certain objections to these "controversial" Bills.

– Governor returns Bills. *Hindu*. November 29, 2004: 5.

Kini, Ashok

Mr. Ashok Kini on April 1, assumed the charge as Managing Director and Group Executive (national banking) of the State Bank of India. He started SBI's ATM network in the early 1990s which now grew into the largest network in the country.

– Briefly: New SBI MD. *Tribune*. April 1, 2004: 15.

Kohli, H.S., Col.

Col. H.S. Kohli, Commanding Officer of an artillery regiment, took photographs of civilians splashed with tomato sauce and posing as corpses and gave them to his seniors to stake claim to gallantry award in 2003 at Bada Nagadun near Silchar in Assam. The fraud in Silchar was discovered when the claim for gallantry award was being processed, following which court martial proceedings were launched against the officers involved. At the end of the proceedings, Colonel Kohli was dismissed.

– Col. sacked in fake encounter case. *Tribune.* November 27, 2004: 2.

Kohli, Maninder Pal Singh

The British police have announced a reward of Rs.50 lakhs for information on Maninder Pal Singh Kohli's whereabouts. Kohli is wanted in the criminal assault and murder of a 17-year old British girl, Hannah Foster in March 2003. Hannah's parents addressed a press conference in New Delhi on July 13 and sought everyone's help in tracing the accused.

– British couple on trail of their daughter's killer. *Hindu.* July 14, 2004: 13.

– Cash award for murder suspect's arrest. *Tribune.* July 14, 2004: 2.

Kohli was arrested on July 15 from Pani Tanki in Siliguri Subdivision of Darjeeling district along the Indo-Nepal border in North Bengal.

– 'Killer' Kohli arrested. *Tribune.* July 16, 2004: 1,5.

Britain on August 31 sent a request to India for extradition of Maninder Pal Singh Kohli, wanted by Scotland Yard in connection with the rape and murder of 17-year-old Hannah Foster.

– Sethi, Chitleen K. Don't extradite Kohli, says CBI ex-chief Joginder Singh. *Tribune.* August 18, 2004: 4.

– Briefly: UK seeks Kohli's extradition. *Tribune.* September 1, 2004: 1.

Kolatkar, Arun

Well-known Marathi and English litterateur Arun Kolatkar (72) died in Pune on September 25 following a protracted illness. Kolatkar had won the Commonwealth Prize for his English anthology titled "Jejuri".

– Briefly : Litterateur Kolatkar dead. *Tribune.* September 27, 2004: 2.

Kothari, Gopa (Dr)

Noted paediatrician, Dr. Gopa Kothari of Mumbai on November 17 received the 2004 Cardinal Health Children's Care Award at UNICEF House in New York. The $100000 international lifetime achievement award has been given to her in recognition to her extraordinary contribution to the health and well-being of children.

– UNICEF award for Indian doctor. *Tribune.* November 18, 2004: 9.

Koyaji, Banu (Dr)

Padmabhushan and Magsaysay award winner Dr Banu Koyaji (86) passed away on July 15 following a prolonged illness. Dr Koyaji was known for her contribution to the cause of women and children, public health and family planning.

– Briefly: Magsaysay winner dead. *Tribune.* July 16, 2004:2.

Krishna, S.M.

Former Karnataka Chief Minister S.M. Krishna has been appointed the new Governor of Maharashtra in place of Mohammad Fazal, whose tenure ended on November 26. "On expiry of the term of the office of Mr Mohammad Fazal as Governor of Maharashtra, the President of India has been pleased to appoint Mr S. M. Krishna to be the Governor of Maharashtra with effect from the date he assumed charge of his office," a Rashtrapati Bhavan communique said. Mr Krishna, is the second former Chief Minister of the Congress to be made Governor. Sushil Kumar Shinde of Maharashtra was recently made the Governor of Andhra Pradesh. The former Karnataka Chief Minister had unsucessfully led the Congress in the State Assembly polls held simultaneously with the Lok Sabha elections recently.

– Krishna is new Maharashtra Governor. *Tribune.* Nov. 28, 2004: 1.

President, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, on November 27, appointed the former Karnataka Chief Minister, S.M. Krishna, as the Governor of Maharashtra. He replaces Mohammed Fazal, whose term has ended, according to a Rashtrapati Bhavan communique.

– S.M. Krishna Govenor of Maharashtra. *Hindu.* November 28, 2004: 1.

– Congress Camps jubilant over Krishna's appointment. *Hindu.* November 28, 2004: 10.

The Shiv Sena continues to oppose the appointment of S.M. Krishna as Maharashtra Governor because of the "pro-Karnataka stand" he adopted on border and water disputes with Maharashtra, particularly when he was the Chief Minister of Karnataka. But its ally, the Bharatiya Janata Party, has refused to join the protest and welcomed Mr. Krishna, scheduled to be sworn in on December 6. The BJP State President, Nitish Gadkari, expressed the hope that the new Governor would make positive contributions in resolving the disputes in the interest of Maharashtra. The *Hindu* under its editorial, Parochialism at its worst, criticises Shiv Sena and concludes that by raising this issue, the Sena has raised its chauvinism to new level of absurdity.

– Sena continues to oppose Krishna's appointment. *Hindu.* December 3, 2004: 15.

– Parochialism at its worst. *Hindu.* December 3, 2004: 12.

S.M. Krishna, former Karnataka Chief Minister was on December 6 sworn in as the Governor of Maharashtra. He succeeds Mohammad Fazal who was the appointee of the previous NDA Government.

– Krishna sworn in as Maharashtra Governor. *Tribune.* December 7, 2004: 14.

– Krishna sworn in ; Sena, BJP leaders skip ceremony. *Hindu.* December 7,2004: 6.

Krishna Kumar (Prof.)

Prof. Krishna Kumar was on September 2 appointed director of the National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT). Prof. Kumar succeeds the Controversial J.S. Rajput who was appointed by the previous NDA government. Kumar is a Professor at the Central Institute of Education in Delhi University.

– New NCERT director. *Hindustan Times.* September 3, 2004: 1.

Krishna Murthy, T.S.

Mr T.S. Krishna Murthy has been appointed as the next Chief Election Commissioner. He promised to take quick decision on the poll schedule. Mr Krishna Murthy will take over from Mr J.M. Lyngdoh, whose term ends on February 7. Mr Krishna Murthy was appointed EC in January, 2000 and will remain CEC till May, 2005 when he will be 65 years, beyond which a person cannot continue in that post. Former CEC M.S. Gill told *The Tribune* that he was happy that the government had maintained and continued with the tradition of appointing the senior-most EC as the CEC. Mr Krishna Murthy will be the 13th CEC. His term as CEC will be the second shortest after fourth Election Commissioner of India, Nagendra Singh, who occupied the post for only five months from October 1, 1972, to February 6, 1973. The Election Commission of India is a permanent constitutional body. It was established in accordance with the Constitution on January 25, 1950. Originally the Commission had only a Chief Election Commissioner. At present, it comprises a Chief Election Commissioner and two Election Commissioners.

– Krishna Murthy to be new CEC. *Tribune.* January 20, 2004: 1.

Beginning his career as Probationary Officer with Reserve Bank of India, 33 years back, his journey to the high constitutional office in Nirvachan Sadan has been long and eventful. He joined the Indian Revenue Service in 1963 and subsequently rose to the position of Secretary, Company Affairs, in the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs. He was lauded for framing the comprehensive Companies Bill to improve corporate governance and investors interest.

He was the first non-IAS officer to become Secretary of Company Affairs. A disappointment in his variegated career, he admits, was denial of the post of the Revenue Secretary to him. Born in Tiruchirappalli, the 63-year-old, Taruvai Subbayya Krishna Murthy is the first officer from the Indian Revenue Service to become the Chief Election Commissioner. He is entrusted with the task of conducting, perhaps, the most sensitive Lok Sabha elections which may firm up the era of coalition. Though the new CEC may give the impression of a suave, low key man to a first-time caller, in practice he is known to be assertive and means business. He does not believe in unnecessarily taking up cudgels against politicians. Yet, he is not the one to be browbeaten by political parties. He feels the CEC's job is to ensure fair and free elections and operate within the set frame.

– New CEC loves music and golf. *Tribune.* January 25, 2004:13.

Krishnaswamy, Kamsani Gopal

Krishnaswamy alias Appu, the prime accused in the Sankararaman murder case, for which the Kanchi Shankaracharya was arrested on November 11, surrendered in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh on December 19. A businessman by profession, Appu was allegedly paid Rs.10 lakh by the seer to hire contract killers to kill Sankararaman.

– Chanda, Aruq. Prime accused in Sankararaman murder case surrenders. *Tribune.* December 20, 2004: 1.

Appu alias Krishnaswamy, prime accused in the Sankararaman murder case, was 'arrested' at his farmhouse in Balakrishnapuram in Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh on Dec 19.

– Devrajan, A. Appu arrested, says Chittoor police chief. *Hindu.* December 20, 2004: 1.

The Madras High Court on November 23 stayed a single Judge's order permitting Kamsani Gopal Krishnaswamy, alias Appu, who is wanted in the A. Sankararaman murder case in which Kanchi Seer Jayendra Saraswati is an accused, to go abroad. A Division Bench comprising acting Chief Justice N. Dinakar and Mr Justice D. Murugesan granted the interim stay, admitting a petition by an inspector of police, Thousand Lights police station, challenging the single Judge's November 4 order.

– Temple murder: HC stays single judge order. *Tribune.* November 24, 2001: 1.

Krishnaswamy, S. (Air Chief Marshal)

Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal S. Krishnaswamy has been indicted by the Delhi High Court for not acting "impartially" while dealing with the promotion process. The judgement on a writ petition of Air Vice Marshals T.S. Chhatwal and Harish Masand was delivered on November 8. The judgement reprimanded Krishnaswamy for not being impartial in the matter saying that he could not "exonerate" himself from the obligation to be fair in promotion process.

– Govenrment to move SC: Quashing of Air Marshal's promotion. *Tribune.* November 10, 2004: 1.

– Editorial : Promotion muddle : IAF must clear its name. *Tribune.* December 15, 2004: 10.

Kuldeep Kumar

AICC on November 28 appointed the Himachal Pradesh Industries Minister, Kuldeep Kumar, as the new PCC Chief of Himachal Pradesh. The former PCC Chief, Vidya Stokes, after prolonged consultation with the High Command had announced her resignation a few days ago.

– Kuldeep is HP Cong Chief. *Tribune.* Nov. 29, 2004: 14.

– New PCC chief for Himachal Pradesh. *Hindu.* November 29, 2004.

Mr. Kuldeep Kumar, the Industries Minister in the Virbhadra Singh Government in Himachal Pradesh was appointed as the new Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) Chief of Himachal Pradesh in the State by the Party President Ms. Sonia Gandhi on November 28.

– Kuldeep is HP Cong. Chief. *Tribune.* November 29, 2004: 14.

Kumble, Anil

Anil Kumble, who played a significant role in Indias' 1-1 Test series draw against Australia, has been rated as the best slow bowler to tour Down Under in the last quarter century by spin guru Kerry O' Keefe.

"It is one of the most cleverly orchestrated campaigns of leg-spin bowling in this country that I have ever seen," O' Keefe said on the Indian leg-spinner who was the most successful bowler in the four-Test series with 24 wickets.

Kumble's performance included three five-wicket hauls and came at a fine average of 29.58.

– Kumble best spinner to tour Australia in 25 years. *Tribune*. January 8, 2004 : 16.

33-year-old ace leg spinner Anil Kumble on October 6 became the second Indian to capture 400 Test wickets, after legendary Kapil Dev. Kumble dismissed Australian batsman Simon Katich in Bangalore. He achieved this mark in his 84th Test.

– Kumble joins elite 400-wicket club. *Tribune*. October 7, 2004: 18.

India's Anil Kumble became most successful bowler ever at the Wankhede Stadium when he ensnared Australian left hander Simon Katich through a bat-pad catch at short leg on the second day of the fourth cricket Test. Kumble, who needed two wickets to overtake Kapil Dev's venue record of 28 wickets going into the match, trapped Aussie captain Ricky Ponting leg before for 11 to equal the record before bettering it by scalping Katich for 7. It had taken the former India captain and all rounder 11 Tests to achieve that haul while the current Test match is Kumble's sixth at this ground.

– Another record for Kumble. *Tribune*. November 5, 2004: 18.

After equalling Kapil Dev's record of 434 Test wickets in the final Test against South Africa, leg-spinner Anil Kumble said he was lucky to have achieved the feat. Kumble, who made his Test debut in 1990, achieved the milestone in his 90th Test match. Kapil Dev had taken the same number of wickets in 131 Test matches. The legendary all-rounder made the record in 1994.

– I am lucky to have equalled record: Kumble. *Tribune*. December 3, 2004: 18.

Anil Kumble, ace leg-spinner on December 10 surpassed Kapil Dev's decade-old record of 434-wickets to become the highest wicket-taker for India in Test cricket. The 34-year old Kumble achieved the feat when he had Muhammad Rafique trapped leg before on the opening day of the first cricket Test against Bangladesh at the Bangabandhu Stadium in Dhaka.

– Kumble breaks Kapil's record. *Tribune*. December 11, 2004: 22.

– Editorial : The wizard of spin : Kumble's winning ways. *Tribune*. December 13,m 2004 : 10.

Kunhalikutty, P.K.

Mr. P.K. Kunhalikutty, IUML leader and Kerala Industries Minister is reportedly an accused in the ice-cream parlour sex scandal. The activists of National Federation of Indian Women led a protest demonstration in New Delhi on October 30 demanding action against the Minister.

- *Hindu.* October 31, 2004: 4.
- 'Allegation against Minister part of conspiracy. *Hindu.* October 31, 2004 : 6.

Kerala Industry Minister P.K. Kunhalikutty's alleged involvement in the Kozhikode sex scandal case is a source of embarrasment for the ruling United Democratic Front (UDF) Government in the State. Media reports say that public opinon against his continuance in office is increasing and no one in the UDF is willing to come out openly in the support of this IUML leader.

- Menon, Girish. Kunhalikutty issue puts UDF in a dilemma. *Hindu.* November 13, 2004: 7.

Kunte, Abhijit

Chess Grand Master of India, Abhijit Kunte lifted the International Open Chess title in Kolkata at Gorky Sadan on November 17.

- Chess: Abhijit Kunte lifts title. *Hindu.* November 18, 2004: 19.

Kupekar, Babasaheb

The NCP leader, Babasaheb Kupekar is elected Maharashtra Assembly Speaker on Nov. 6. (*Hindu.* Nov. 7, 2004)

Kurmi, Rupam

Mr. Rupam Kurmi (55), the Assam Minister for Employment and Technical Training passed away in New Delhi on February 4, following protracted illness.

- Assam Minister dead. *Hindu.* February 5, 2004: 13.

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Lahoriya, Daya Singh

A local court has sentenced chief of Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF) Daya Singh Lahoriya to life imprisonment for kidnapping the son of senior Congress leader Ram Niwas Mirdha nine years ago. Judge B.L. Lamnor also sentenced Lahoriya's wife Suman Sood, alias Kanwaljeet Kaur, to seven years' imprisonment for her involvement in the case. Lahoriya kidnapped Rajendra from a residential colony on February 17, 1995, and demanded release of Punjab terrorist Devendrapal Singh Bhullar, who was serving life term in Delhi in a case of bomb attack on the then youth Congress leader Maninderjeet Singh Bitta. Rajendra was rescued by the police from a house at the outskirts of Jaipur after a shootout in which terrorist Navneet Singh Kandia was killed. However, Lahoriya, his wife, and another terrorist Harnek Singh fled from the scene. The couple later fled the country on forged passports and were brought back to India after their arrest in the USA. Harnek Singh is currently in custoday of the Punjab police.

- KLF chief gets life term for Mirdha's kidnapping. *Tribune.* October 22, 2004: 2.

Lahoti, R.C., Justice

Justice R.C. Lahoti, the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court of India was appointed the 34th Chief Justice of India by the President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on May 25. He succeeds Mr Justice S. Rajendra Babu who retires on June 1. Justice Lahoti will hold this position for 17 months. Born in 1940 in Guna in MP he started his career as an advocate in Madhya Pradesh in 1963. He was recruited to the higher judicial service in 1977, but he resigned the post in 1978 and started independent practice. He was appointed as a judge of MP High Court in 1988, transferred to the Delhi High Court in 1994 and elevated to the Supreme Court in 1998.

- *Tribune*. May 26: 1.
- *Hindu*. May 27 : 3.

Justice Ramesh Chandra Lahoti takes oath as the 35th Chief Justice of India on June 1. (*Hindu.* June 2, 2004)

Lakhani, Hemant

A British arms dealer of Indian origin Hemant Lakhani has pleaded not guilty to charges that he tried to sell missiles to terrorists to shoot down American airliners and plotted to procure a "dirty bomb". Lakhani (69), being held without bail since his arrest in August last year, did not speak during the 10-minute hearing and the "not guilty" plea was entered on his behalf by his lawyer Henry Klingeman as his wife Kusum watched from the public gallery. The US District Court judge in Newark in neighbouring New Jersey fixed April 26 for pre-trial oral arguments in the case. Lakhani was arrested from the hotel Newark International Airport following a sting operation by the FBI during which its agents allegedly posed as terrorists seeking missiles to shoot down commercial airliners. He is charged with procuring a missile from a Russian, who he believed was a disgruntled officer but, in fact, a government agent. The arrest came after the missile, which was a dud, had been imported to the USA. He is also alleged to have said that the best way to terrorise Americans would be to shoot down 10 to 15 commercial airliners simultaneously. Originally, Lakhani was charged with trying to sell the shoulder-fired missile to an FBI agent who, he believed, belonged to a Somali terrorist group. Later, prosecutors added several other charges, including that he offered to procure anti-aircraft guns, tanks, armoured personnel carriers and radar systems besides the "dirty bomb".

– Lakhani pleads not guilty in missile plot. *Tribune.* January 11, 2004 : 11.

Lakhanpal, K.R.

Mr. K.R. Lakhanpal, a 1972 batch IAS officer, has been appointed by the Government of Punjab the Principal Secretary, Finance on July 19. He succeeds Mr. Bharat Raj Bajaj.

– Prabhjot Singh. Inside Babudom: K.R. Lakhanpal to be Finance Secretary, Punjab. *Tribune.* July 20, 2004: 3.

Lakhera, M.M.

M.M. Lakhera was appointed the Lt. Governor of Pondicherry on July 2. (*Hindu.* July 3, 2004)

Lall, Rajiv B.

The board of directors of Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDFC) at its meeting held on November 29 in New Delhi appointed Rajiv B. Lall as Managing Director and CEO of the Company from January 10, 2005. Mr. Lall has vast experience as investor and economist with various institutions like Warburg Pincus, Morgan Stanley Asia Ltd., the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank.

– Rajiv Lal is new MD of IDFC. *Hindu.* Nov. 30, 2004: 16.

Lamba, Hemant

Mr. Hemant Lamba, a young Indian executive has won £ 30000 prestigious Green Oscar Award. Lamba and his team mates successfully delivered affordable, reliable and renewable energy products (in the form of Solar panels) in 12 states benefitting about 80000 people

– Swarup, Harihar. Profile: Lamba: Champion of Solar energy. *Sunday Tribune.* August 1, 2004: 13.

Lamba, S.K.

Mr. S.K. Lamba, a 1986 batch IAS officer, is facing dismissal for his reported role in the patwari recruitment scam. Lamba is presently the Additional Secretary (Home) in the Uttaranchal. The State Government has written to the Centre recommending his dismissal. Lamba was the District Magistrate of Pauri when the scam occurred.

– Uttarachal moots IAS officer's sack. *Tribune.* September 27, 2004: 2.

Laxman, Bangaru

The CBI on December 6 registered bribery cases against Mr. Bangaru Laxman, former BJP President and former Samata Party President Jaya Jaitley in Tehelka case. The CBI has booked Laxman and two of his personal staff members under section 120-B of IPC (conspiracy) and section 7 and 9 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

– CBI books Laxman, Jaya in Tehelka case. *Tribune.* December 7, 2004 : 1.

Laxman, R.K.

The Yashwantrao Chavan National Award for 2003 is conferred on eminent cartoonist, R.K. Laxman on March 12. (*Hindu.* March 13, 2004)

Laxman, V.V.S.

Stylish Hyderabadi batsman Vangipurapu Venkata Sai Laxman, who is in a roaring form in the ongoing series in Australia, is all set to marry on February 15 next. Shailaja, the bride-to-be, is an MCA student and a close relative, Laxman's mother Dr Satyabhama told PTI. "It's an arranged marriage and the girl is our close relative from my husband's side", she said and gave no more details.

– Laxman to marry. *Tribune.* January 21. 2004: 18.

Laxman smashed his career-best 131 in the match but in doing so, broke his second bat as well. He broke his first bat during the Gabba Test last month. This is Laxman's third hundred of the week which has lifted his tally of Tests and one-day runs to 875 runs and if he is true to his hunger, the 1000 runs on this tour could come in the very next innings. India pulled off a thrilling three-run victory in a tri-series match against Zimbabwe.

– Laxman hungry for more tons. *Tribune*. January 25, 2004: 22.

Leeladhar, V.

Mr. V. Leeladhar, Deputy Governor, of the Reserve Bank of India, on September 28, joined the Board of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). Earlier he was working as Chairman and Managing Director of the Union Bank of India.

– In brief: Leeladhar joins Nabard board. *Hindu*. October 19, 2004: 16.

Liberhan, M.S. (Justice)

The Liberhan Commission inquiring into the demolition of the Babri Mosque, concluded hearing of arguments on evidence collected by it during the 11-year-long proceedings on June 30. Justice M.S. Liberhan said on June 30, "curtains are down now" and his report "can be expected very soon".

– Negi, S.S. Liberhan panel concludes hearing in Babri case. *Tribune*. July 1, 2004 : 2.

The Centre extends on Sept 9 the term of Liberhan panel probing the sequence of events leading to the demolition of the Babri Masjid, up to March 31, 2005 . (*Hindu*. Sept. 10, 2004)

Limboo, Sanchaman

Mr. Sanchaman Limboo, the former Sikkim Chief Minister has quit the Congress and joined the ruling Sikkim Democratic Front. Limboo was the chief Minister from May to December 1994.

– Former Sikkim CM quits Congress. *Hindu*. February 24, 2004: 12.

Lodha, R.S.

The shareholders of Hindalco Industries on July 31 unanimously voted out R.S. Lodha & Co. from being reappointed the branch auditors at the 45th Annual General Meeting of the Company at Mumbai.

– Phased removal of Lodha. *Tribune*. August 2, 2004: 20.

Lynette Niangty

Lynette Niangty of Shillong has won the "Miss Luit" north-east beauty contest 2004 in Guwahati on December 22.

– *Hindu*. December 24, 2004 : 7.

Lyngdoh, J.M.

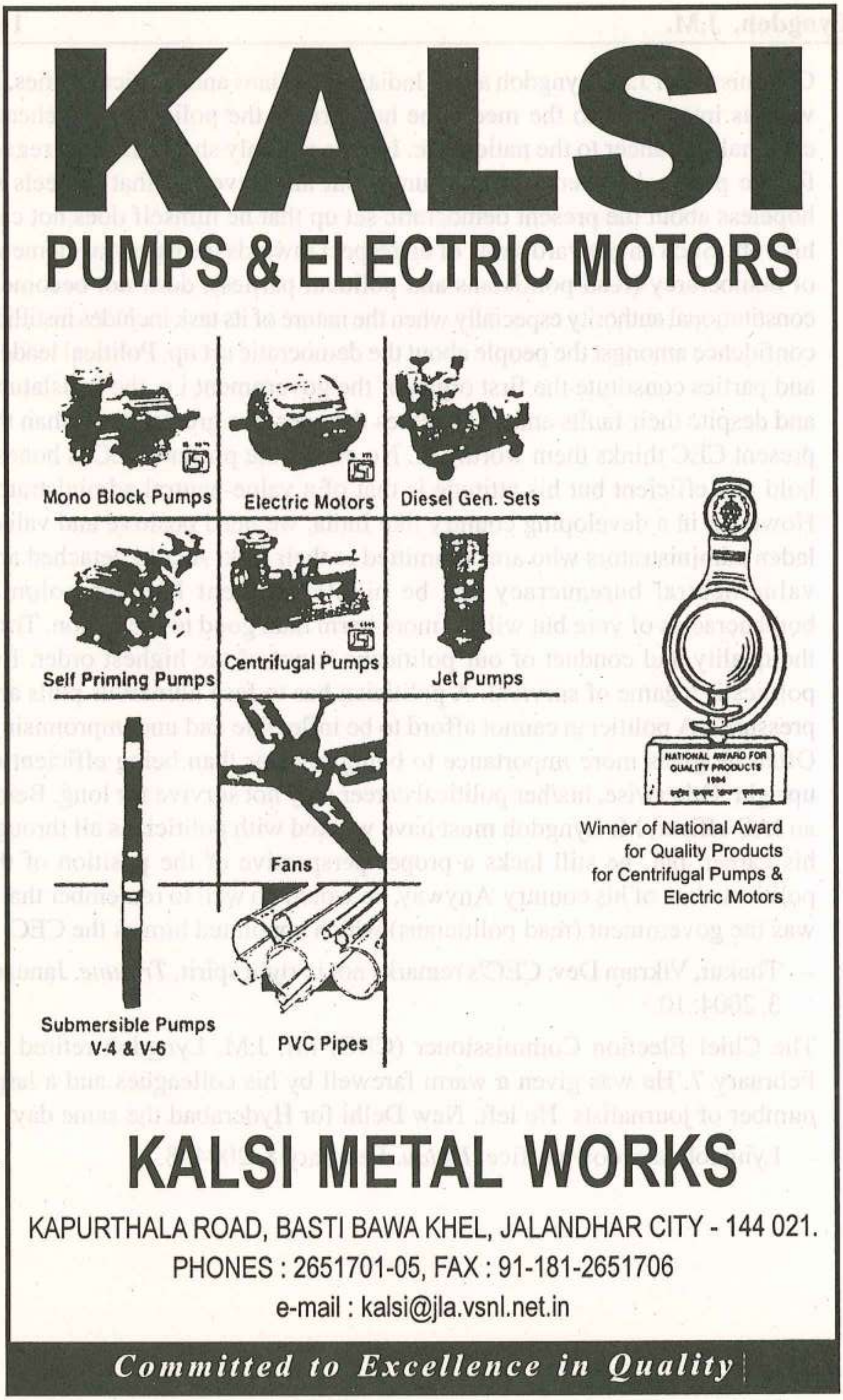
Vikram Dev Thakur reacts to the views of Lyngdoh about Indian politicians: I have been appalled and dismayed by the recent remarks of Chief Election

Commissioner J.M. Lyngdoh about Indian politicians and political parties. In various interviews to the media, he has termed the politicians as cheats, criminals, a cancer to the nation, etc. He has not only shown his low regard for the political leaders of this country but also revealed that he feels so hopeless about the present democratic set up that he himself does not cast his vote. Such an outward show of disrespect towards the essential elements of democrarcy (read politicians and political parties), does not become a constitutional authority especially when the nature of its task includes instilling confidence amongst the people about the democratic set up. Political leaders and parties constitute the first organ of the government i.e. the legislature, and despite their faults and weaknesses they deserve greater merit than the present CEC thinks them worthy of. No doubt, the present CEC is honest, bold and efficient but his attitude is that of a value-neutral administrator. However, in a developing country like India, we need positive and value-laden administrators who are committed to their task. A cold,detached and value-neutral bureaucracy can be highly efficient like the colonial bureaucracies of yore but will do more harm than good to the nation. True, the quality and conduct of our politicans is not of the highest order. But politics is a game of survival. A politician has to face numerous pulls and pressures. A politician cannot afford to be inflexible and uncompromising. Often he gives more importance to being popular than being efficient or upright. Otherwise, his/her political career may not survive for long. Being an IAS officer, Mr Lyngdoh must have worked with politicians all through his career, but, he still lacks a proper perspective of the position of the political class of his country. Anyway, he would do well to remember that it was the government (read politicians) which appointed him as the CEC.

- Thakur, Vikram Dev. CEC's remarks not in right spirit. *Tribune.* January 3, 2004: 10.

The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Mr. J.M. Lyngdoh retired on February 7. He was given a warm farewell by his colleagues and a large number of journalists. He left. New Delhi for Hyderabad the same day.

- Lyngdoh lays down office. *Hindu.* February 8, 2004: 8.



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Mahadevan, Iravatham

Mr. Iravatham Mahadevan's book, *Early Tamil Epigraphy: From the Earliest Times to the Sixth Century A.D.*, has been chosen for the inaugural award of the Prof. V. Chelvanaryakam Trust, Colombo, Sri Lanka. The book has been judged to be the most outstanding contribution in the field of Tamil research studies in the year 2003." Mahadevan, a retired IAS officer, is an epigraphist of international repute.

– Subramanian T.S. Award for classic on Tamil epigraphy. *Hindu.* July 25, 2004: 20.

Mahajan, Sumitra

Rajya Sabha MP of Indian National Lok Dal (INLD), Sumitra Mahajan's election was upheld by the Supreme Court on April 1. Dismissing the petition of former bureaucrat Jaspal Singh, the court held that there was no merit in the election petition field against her.

– Sumitra Mahajan's election upheld. *Tribune.* April 2, 2004: 2.

Mahendra, Ranbir Singh

Around 7 p.m., Dalmiya's nominee, Ranbir Singh Mahendra, the BCCI vice-president, was elected by casting of Dalmiya who was presiding, since both Mehendra and Pawar obtained 15 votes each. The election was conducted on the total 29 votes out of 31 eligible as voters. But two of them, one from Maharashtra and another from Rajasthan were rejected following claimants of both as true representatives of the state cricket control boards. The NCP supremo, Mr Sharad Pawar, said that his defeat in the election was ensured through unfair means, but ruled out going to the court against the outcome. Speaking to media persons, he said one of their genuine votes "was deliberately negated." The election ends the on-going power struggle in the BCCI between Jagmohan Dalmiya and his adversaries; between the cricket management baron and the political heavy weight; between the two Cricket Control Boards in Punjab and Haryana.

– Ranbir elected BCCI chief; Sharad Pawar cries foul. *Tribune.* September 30, 2004: 1.

The new BCCI President Ranbir Singh Mahendra on September 29 asserted that the election of the Board was completely fair, but admitted that there was some cross voting from his group. "I have always been confident that

I will win. I am happy that I have the confidence of majority of members. However, I had expected to win by 4-5 votes. So definitely there was some cross voting from our group," Mahendra, who defeated Maharashtra strongman and NCP supremo Sharad Pawar by a slender margin of one vote said.

– Ranbir refutes Pawar charge. *Tribune.* Sept. 30, 2004: 18.

Mr. Ranbir Singh Mahendra has been elected Chief of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). He holds over a three-decade long association with BCCI. He comes from a political family of Haryana, being the eldest son of the former Chief Minister of the State, Bansi Lal. A failure in politics or one may say, rejection in politics, Ranbir created history in the realities of sports. He has adequately avenged his humiliation in politics by humbling Sharad Pawar, Maratha strongman and a political heavyweight who is presently the Union Agriculture Minister.

– Swarup, Harichar. Profile : Haryanvi's moment of pride. *Sunday Tribune.* October 3, 2004: 13.

The Madras High Court on October 8, restrained the cricket board President Ranbir Singh Mahendra and all other office-bearers from functioning while appointing retired Supreme Court Judge S. Mohan as interim administrator to run the affairs of the Board.

– Madras HC restrains Ranbir: Interim administrator to run BCCI. *Tribune.* October 9, 2004: 1.

Malik, M.S. (Dr)

Dr M.S. Malik takes over as the Director-General of Police Haryana State on May 31. He had proceeded on leave from this post following the directions of the Election Commission that he should be transferred from the DGP's post.

– *Tribune,* May 28: 3.

Malik, S.K., Air Marshal

The Indian Air Force (IAF) on October 1 got its new Vice-Chief of Air Staff and the first woman Air Marshal with Air Marshal S.K. Malik taking over as the second-in-command and Air Marshal. Air Marshal Malik, earlier Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) of the IAF's Southern Air Command (SAC), succeeded Air Marshal Michael McMahon, who had retired. Air Marshal Malik, who had taken over the command of the SAC in January 2004, was earlier Senior Air Staff Officer (SASO) of the Gandhinangar-based South-Western Air Command.

– First woman Air Marshal. *Tribune.* October 2, 2004: 1.

Malik, V.P., Gen. (Retd.)

Former Chief of Army Staff, Gen V.P. Malik, today said unless the infrastructure being provided to militants in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) was dismantled, finding a solution to the problem of Kashmir was not possible. "According to my information, training camps, radio communication network and other linkages of the terrorists are very much there in PoK as well as Pakistan," he stated. Infiltration had reduced, but not stopped completely, he observed. "Many people involved in policy-making in India feel that Gen Pervez Musharraf's moves are more tactical than strategic," he remarked, expressing doubt about Pakistan's commitment to not extend support to terrorists. "We want an assurance from the Government of Pakistan and not just their army that help will not be extended to the militant outfits along with demolishing of the training camps", he said. General Malik was in Shimla to attend the international conference on the "Vitality of India in Regional and International Perspective" being held at the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies.

– Demolish infrastructure in PoK: Malik. *Tribune.* June 28, 2004: 12.

Malik, Yasin

A POTA court on September 30 issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against JKLF chief Yasin Malik. The case had been registered against Malik after the police recovered an amount of Rs. one lakh to be delivered to him.

– In breif: Assest warrant. *Hindu.* October 1, 2004: 1.

Malika Pukhraj

Malika Pukhraj of "Abhi to main jawan hoon" song fame died in Lahore today after a protracted illness. She was 90. She is survived by a daughter. Malika, who was a contemporary of legendary Begum Akhtar, moved to Pakistan after Partition where she continued to sing. Her voice, though reminiscent of Begum Akhtar, was marked by a simpler and lighter style. She, along with her singer daughter Tahira Syed, sang several duets that left a mark in the music world. Besides 'Abhi to main jawan hoon,' 'Jag soze ishq', 'Gul zamin ae gul', 'Har ek jalwa', 'Silsila roze o sham', 'Kunjan udyan', 'Dard se mere hai', 'Ham apne aansuwon', 'Tere ishq ki intaha', 'Kiya mujh ishq ne', 'Lehra ke jhoom ke la' and 'Jahan tera naqshe kadam' are some of her all-time hits.

– Malika Pukhraj dead. *Tribune.* February 5, 2004: 1.

Mallick, Nata

84-year-old hangman of the West Bengal Government has come to limelight as the West Bengal Government prepares to hang Dhananjoy Chatterjee. Mallick a veteran of 24 executions would be paid Rs. 20,000 for hanging Chatterjee. Mallick now wants a government job for his grandson as a condition for hanging Chatterjee.

– People : Hangman in demand. *Tribune.* August 9, 2004: 11.

Four time national award winning director Joshy Joseph has put together a film titled, 'One Day From a Hangman's Life' that captures hangman Nata Mallick in his many hues.

– Briefly : Film on hangman. *Tribune.* August 23, 2004: 2.

Mallick, Pramila

Biju Janata Dal Leader and Minister for Women and Child Development in the Naveen Patnaik led BJD-BJP government in Orissa, Ms Pramila Mallick is facing tough times. A non-bailable arrest warrant has been pending against her since 1999. The opposition parties in Orissa have demanded her resignation.

– Warrant against Orissa minister pending. *Tribune.* July 26, 2004: 2.

– Shibu effect: Orissa minister faces heat on old warrant. *Times of India.* July 26, 2004: 6.

Mallick resigned from the council of ministers on July 26.

– Tainted Orissa minister resigns. *Tribune.* July 27, 2004: 2.

– Orissa Minister resigns. *Hindu.* July 27, 2004: 9.

Mallikarajun Sharma, B.

The Bank of Rajasthan on November 19 announced the appointment of Mr B. Mallikarajun Sharma as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. Prior to the new assignment, he was the General Manager in charge of the credit and international banking at the Punjab National Bank.

– New Bank MD. *Tribune.* November 21, 2004: 21.

Mammen, Mathew (Lt. Gen)

Lieut-Gen Mathew Mammen has taken over as Engineer-in-Chief at the Army Headquarters. The General, an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, was commissioned in February 1964. He is a graduate from the Defence Services Staff College and has done the Higher Command Course and attended the National Defence College, New Delhi. As Engineer-in-Chief, he will be the engineer adviser to the three Service Chiefs and the

Ministry of Defence. The General has held prestigious appointments, both in command and general staff. Till recently he was the Director-General Operational Logistics, and responsible for the entire planning and execution of the logistic support for the Indian Army during the Kargil operations and Operation Parakram. The officer was the Sub Area Commander at Pune from December 95 to December 97. In recognition of his meritorious service, he was awarded the Vishisht Seva Medal in 1985 and 1998 and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 2000.

– General Mammen is Engineer-in-Chief. *Tribune.* January 6, 2004 : 2.

Mandal, T.

Mr. T. Mandal, the General Manager of the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) and its Chief Engineer, Mr. K.K. Singh have been kidnapped in Bihar. Bihar Government has announced a reward of Rs. 3 lakh. Police has raided the residence of Loktantrik Janata Party MLA, Vijay Shukla alias Munna Shukla.

– Reward for clues on abducted engineers. *Hindu.* November 22, 2004: 12.

Mr. T. Mandal, General Manager of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) was released by his captors on December 3, two suspenseful weeks after being kidnapped from Vaishali in Bihar.

– Pandey, Prashant. Abducted manager back home. *Hindu.* December 5, 2004 : 1.

– Kidnapped engineer released. *Tribune.* Dec. 6, 2004: 2.

Manhas, K.L.

Mr. K.L. Manhas the Chief Wildlife Warden, Haryana was stripped of all prosecution powers on December 16. The action against Manhas comes within hours of having issued instructions to his subordinates for proceeding against the authorities of the Vulture Care and Captive Breeding Centre near Pinjore.

– Khanna, Ruchika M. Chief Wildlife Warden of Haryana stripped of prosecution powers. *Tribune.* December 17, 2004: 3.

Manhas, Manoj Kumar

Manoj Kumar Manhas a member of the Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) terrorist outfit operating in (J&K) surrendered at Nagrota on November 9. He had joined militancy only a few months back in May 2004. According to media reports Manoj Kumar's case exposes an important trend in the militant movement in J&K where even Hindu youths are joining it out of extreme poverty.

– Sharma, S.P. Hindu youths joining militant outfits for money in J&K. *Tribune.* November 11, 2004: 6.

Manmohan Singh, Dr.

Dr Manmohan Singh is to be the next Prime Minister. Mrs. Sonia Gandhi and Dr Manmohan Singh called on President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam after the meeting of the CPP in New Delhi on May 19 evening and submitted the documents of support extended by the allies of the Congress, the Left parties and others. The President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam said he was "pleased to appoint Dr Manmohan Singh as the Prime Minister" and requested for the names of others to be inducted in the Council of Ministers. "Despite all its shortcomings, the nation has the wisdom and resilience to throw up a Prime Minister who can be trusted to provide the kind of leadership it needs at this time. And as such, the ascendancy of Dr Manmohan Singh to the august office is an event of tremendous significance. After some dilly-dallying the country has found the man who can understand the pain of the poor, the loneliest and the lost and at the same time pursue the vision to build a strong economy meant for the twentyfirst century India. Respected for launching economic reforms in the nineties and enjoying formidable reputation for integrity and character, he can provide a feeling that the nation is in safe hands."

– *Tribune*, May 20: 1.

Dr Manmohan Singh is the eldest of four brothers and six sisters and was born in Gaha village in Peshawar District on Sept 26, 1932. His father was a dry fruits merchant there and after partition the family moved to Amritsar and continued the business of dry fruits in Majith Mandi there. After completing his schooling, he did his graduation from the local Hindu College. He moved to the Government College, Hoshiarpur to do his post-graduation in Economics. Though his father wanted him to join the family business, but Manmohan wanted to pursue higher studies. Consequantly he moved to London to do his Ph.D. in Economics from the Oxford University.

– *Tribune,* May 20:

During his press conference in New Delhi on May 20, Prime Minister designate spells out the broad policy to be followed by his government as follows:

- Unity and peace a priority; government to work to restore communal harmony.
- Favours dialogue with Pakistan to make friction a thing of past; to resolve

all outstanding issues peacefully.

- India to talk with all interested parties to bring permanent peace in Jammu and Kashmir.
- Law of land should prevail in settlement of Ayodhya dispute.
- Govt committed to building strong private-public partnerships.
- Development to be a key priority; reforms aimed at removing poverty, increasing employment, raising agriculture production and ensuring health for all.

– *Tribune*, May 21:1.

Manmohan Singh is to be the new Prime Minister of India. In a way the 71-year-old Dr. Singh, who was born on September 26, 1932, at Gah (West Punjab), can be credited with the creation of the "great Indian middle of the class" by unleashing the free spirit of enterpreneurship and wealth creation. Educated at universities of Punjab, Cambridge and Oxford, Dr Singh has been a technocrat known for his financial skills to hammer out solutions for complex macro-economic issues. He has been a key member of the country's economic think-tank in various capacities, including that of RBI Governor (1982-85) and Deputy Chairperson of the Planning Commission (1985-87). Dr Singh's political career received a jolt when he failed to secure the confidence of voters of South Delhi in the 1999 Lok Sabha elections. Ironically, despite his impeccably clean and honest image, people had rejected him then. As a career economist, the unassuming Dr. Singh may wish to run the government in a CEO-like manner — although the political checks and balances may warrant a different paradigm. Among the major intellectual nurseries of the world which have produced some of the most influential men in economics, Cambridge still holds the pride of place.Although Dr Manmohan Singh went to Oxford for his doctorate, he is at heart a Cambridge man. It was during his years at St. John's College in Cambridge (1955-57), where he was enrolled for his Economics Tripos, that the fundamentals of his economic policy took shape, namely that economic policy had to be delinked from ideological concerns and its only *raison d'etre* is its potential to deliver prosperity. He stuck to this approach with unusual tenactiy and when he discovered that the socialist approach did not work, he had no hesitation in leaving it behind. Soon after assuming office as Finance Minister in 1991, he declared at a press conference that 'We will not be swayed by ideological hangovers of the past. Socialism cannot be built on waste, inefficiency and indifference to quality. Many of his friends at that time thought that his experience as Secretary-General and Commissioner of the

South Commission (1987-90) had changed his outlook. It appears now that such men were looking ahead with a mindset that was static and did not quite comprehend the magnitude and speed of the change in the world economy. Dr Manmohan Singh's academic attainments are of exceptionally high order. He topped every examination that he took as an undergraduate and postgraduate at Panjab University (1950-54) before proceeding to England for higher studies. He took a first class honours degree from the University of Cambridge, where he was awarded Wright's Prize by St. John's College for two successive sessions (1956 and 1957) and the Adam Smith Prize by the University (1956)— both for distinguished performance. For his D.Phil., he opted for a change and joined Nuffield College at the University of Oxford (1960-62). His doctoral dissertation entitled "India's Export Trends and Prospects for Self-Sustained Growth" was aptly judged as a masterwork in its chosen field of study and continues to be widely quoted since it was first published by the Clarendon Press in book form in 1964. Dr. Manmohan Singh is remembered for turning India away from the path that led it nowhere. Respect for him will grow if the process of reforms he and former Prime Minister Narasimha Rao initiated can be carried forward in a manner that its benefits also reach those who have been passed over in the past.

– *Tribune*. May 26: 11.

Prime Minster on June 30 rejected the BJP-led Opposition's long standing demand for the removal of "tainted" ministers from his Cabinet. He said that the previous BJP led ministry also had several charge-sheeted persons. He added, "Well I think there are compulsions of coalition politics...."

– Tainted ministers to stay, asserts PM. *Tribune*. July 1, 2004: 1.

Pakistan Government on 5th August expressed its desire to turn the birth place of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (Gah village about 80 km southwest of Islamabad) into a model village.

– Pak to make Manmohan Singh's birth place a model village. *Tribune*. August 6, 2004: 9.

In a letter to all ministers of the UPA Government, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has cautioned them against the misuse of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and asked them to strictly follow the guidelines on appointments of senior officials.

– Don't misuse PSUs, PM warns ministers. *Tribune*. August 14, 2004: 19.

Addressing the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort the Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on August 15, opened a debate on the need for a high moral standards among politicians, mooting the idea of a code of conduct for all political parties.

"The time has come for us to consensually evolve a code of conduct for all political parties, a code of ethics for all individuals in public life," says the Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh, in his I-Day address to the nation on Aug. 15. (*Hindu.* August 16, 2004)

– Manmohan moots code of conduct for parties. *Tribune.* August 16, 2004: 1, 16.

– Editorial : Ethics in politics: Manmohan Singh's heart is in the right place. *Tribune.* August 16, 2004: 10.

– Editorial : PSUs as milch cows: Will PM's appeal remain a pious wish? *Tribune.* August 24, 2004: 10.

The Government will work towards transforming India into the home of multinational corporations of the future and a "superpower of the Knowledge Economy", says the Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh, after inaugurating the J.R.D. Tata Centenary Celebrations, in New Delhi on Aug. 24, (*Hindu.* Aug. 25, 2004)

Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh got indisposed on August 28 due to viral fever. Doctors advised him complete rest and all his official & public engagements were cancelled for 28th and 29th August.

– Briefly: PM recuperating from viral fever. *Tribune.* August 30, 2004: 1.

Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh on October 6, appealed to the corporate sector in Mumbai for "voluntary action" on providing job reservations to the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Other Backward Classes.

– Editorial: PM on quota: Leave it to the wisdom of corporate sector. *Tribune.* October 8, 2004: 10.

Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, in a three-paragraph statement released by the MEA on November 11, announced his Government's decision to reduce the deployment of troops in Jammu and Kashmir in view of the "visible improvement" in the security situation in the State.

– Baruah, Amit. Troop level in J&K will be reduced: Manmohan Singh. *Hindu.* November 13, 2004: 11.

Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh on November 17 visits Jammu and Kashmir. He announced a plan for the State's economic reconstruction that includes Central assistance of Rs. 24000 crore, a high-power Advisory Council for economic development and making Kashmir a priority destination for IT companies.

The time has come to put forward a new blueprint, a fresh vision for Kashmir and for the Kashmiri people, free from the fear of war, want and exploitation," says the Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh. (*Hindu.* Nov. 18, 2004)

– Sood, Prashant. PM promises a new Kashmir: Announces Rs.24000 cr. revival plan; hints at more troop reduction. *Tribune.* November 18, 2004: 1, 20.

Blueprint under way for developing Assam, the "Gateway of India to the East", says the Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh, in Dispur on Nov. 20. (*Hindu.* Nov. 21, 2004)

– Malhotra, Inder. PM in neglected North-East: A lot more needs to be done. *Tribune.* November 25, 2004: 10.

The Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh sets up the Board for Reconstruction of Central Public Sector Enterprises on Dec. 2. (*Hindu.* Dec. 3, 2004)

Manorama, Thangjam

Thangjam Manorma (32) is arrested by the Assam Rifles personnel on July 11. (*Hindu.* July 12, 2004)

Manipuri women stage a nude protest against the alleged rape and custodial death of Thangjam Manorama, in front of the Assam Rifles headquarters at Kangla Fort in Imphal on July 15. (*Hindu.* July 16, 2004)

The C. Upendra Commission probing the rape and murder of Thangjam Manorama by Assam Rifles personnel in Manipur begins work on Aug. 30. (*Hindu.* Aug. 31, 2004)

"Repeal of the AFSPA will negate the effectiveness of the security forces in dealing with a delicate situation."

– Kadyan, Raj (Lt-Gen) retd. Avoid a Knee-jerk reaction: Special powers needed to tackle insurgency. *Tribune.* September 2, 2004: 11.

Maran, Dayanidhi

Dayanidhi Maran becomes the Union Communication and IT Minister in the Ministry of Dr Manmohan Singh on May 23. (*Hindu.* May 24, 2004)

Mr. Dayanidhi Maran, the Union Communications and Information Technology Minister on October 14 unveiled the "Broadband Policy-2004". The Policy is intended to promote the use of "always-on high speed" Internet.

– New broadband policy announced. *Hindu.* October 15, 2004: 1, 12.

Marandi, Simon

A Delhi court has discharged three former MPs namely Mr. Simon Marandi, Suraj Mandal and Shibu Soren in a matter connected to the JMM bribery case. The CBI had alleged that the MPs had taken over Rs. 4 crore in 1993 to vote against a no-confidence motion against the then Rao Government. Discharging the MPs, the court said "Article 105 (2) of the Constitution of India clearly prohibits inquiry into the motive behind voting pattern of MPs". An MP shall not be answerable in a court of law for something that has nexus to his speech or vote in Parliament.

– 3 ex-MPs discharged in JMM case. *Tribune.* April 17, 2004: 20.

Markandaya, Kamala

Novelist and pioneer of Indian writing in English, Kamala Markandaya, died in London on May 16. She was 80. Success came to Markandaya with her very first novel, "Nectar in a Sieve", (1954) followed by nine other works. Foremost among them include "A Handful of Rice" (1966), "The Nowhere man" (1972), "Two Virgins", (1973) and "The Golden Honeycomb" (1977). Markandaya was born as Kamala Purnaiya in Mysore in 1924. She worked as a short-story writer and journalist from 1940 to 1947 before emigrating to England in 1948. She married Bertrand Taylor, by whom she has a daughter. Markandaya was a pioneer who influenced many Indians writing in English.

Kamala Markandeya (79), novelist, died at her London home on May 16. (*Hindu.* May 17, 2004)

Mashelkar, R.A. (Dr)

Dr. R.A. Mashelkar the Director-General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has been selected by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as the vice-chairman of 10-member international commission on "intellectual property rights, innovations and public health."

– Mashelkar in world body on IPR. *Hindu.* February 15, 2004 : 11.

Eminent scientist Dr. R.A. Mashelkar took over as President of the Indian National Science Academy on December 28. Mashelkar is the Director-General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). For his outstanding work over the years, Dr. Mashelkar has won numerous fellowships. He was elected Fellow of the Royal Society, London, and Foreign Fellow of the United States National Academy of Engineering. Sixteen universities have conferred on him honorary doctorates.

– Briefly : New chief takes charge. *Hindu.* December 30, 2004: 4.

Masta, Ramesh

Ramesh Masta the district Congress President and municipal councillor of Bhiwani was shot dead by three unidentified assailants on November 5. Setting aside political affiliations, the town observed a complete 'bandh' on

November 8.

– Bandh against Cong leader's murder. *Tribune.* November 9, 2004: 7.

Mathew, Aneena Joseph

Aneena Joseph Mathew, a social worker of Kerala, is presented with theRajiv Gandhi Manav Seva Award, 2003. Social activists Swami Agnivesh and Madari Moideen are given the Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award on Aug. 20. (*Hindu.* August 21, 2004)

Mathur, S.B.

Mr. S.B. Mathur the former Chairman of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) was appointed by the Government as the Administrator of the Specified Undertaking UTI (SUUTI), on December 20.

– Briefly : SUUTI Chief. *Tribune.* December 21, 2004: 17.

Mathur, Vishwanath

President of All India Freedom Fighters Organisation Vishwanath Mathur died of cardiac arrest at the AIIMS, New Delhi on June 12. He was 92. Mathur, a founding member of the Communist Party in Bihar was suffering from bronchial asthama.

– *Tribune.* June 13: 2004: 2.

Maurya, B.P.

Mr. B.P. Maurya, renowned Dalit leader and former Union Minister passed away in New Delhi on September 27 following a heart attack.

– Former minister Maurya dead. *Tribune.* September 28, 2004: 14.

Mayank Mayur (Flt. - Lt.)

Flt.-Lt. Mayank Mayur and Flt-Lt. Gagan Oberoi were killed on April 2 when the two Jaguar fighter aircrafts they were flying crashed near Sonamarg, 60 km. from Srinagar.

– Briefly: Jaguar crash: second pilots 'body found. *Tribune.* April 5, 2004 : 1, 20.

Meenakshi, S.

S. Meenakshi on January 17 became the fifth Woman Grandmaster of the country after settling for a quick draw in the eighth and penultimate round of the Commonwealth Chess Championships. On another board, Grandmaster Pravin Thipsay's wonderful run continued as he drove home yet another excellent result drawing top seed Grandmaster Nigel Short of England. With all the three overnight leaders, Thipsay, Short and Pavel Smirnov of Russia (6.5 points) settling for truce, the lead positions remained unchanged.

– India's new WGM. *Tribune.* January 18, 2004: 22.

Mehmood Ali

Bollywood comedian, Mehmood (72) passed away at Pennsylvania in the USA on July 23. Mehmood was born in Mumbai in 1932, and acted in over 300 films. He hailed from a family of Bollywood personalities. Some of his films are, "Bombay to Goa", "Padosan", "Aankhen", "Pyar Kiye Ja", "Love in Tokyo", "Do Bigha Zameen", etc.

– Mehmood dead. *Tribune.* July 24, 2004: 1.

– Kaur, Devinder Bir. Comedy King of silver screen. *Tribune.* July 25, 2004: 2.

Mehta, Bulbul

Delhi-based property dealer and one of the prime accused in the case pertaining to illegal human trafficking Bulbul Mehta was remanded in police custody till January 20 by Mr P.S. Dhanoa, Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate. The court ordered that a thorough medical examination of Mehta be conducted before he was made to join investigation. Mehta's counsel H.V. Rai has been allowed by the court to meet his client twice a day in the Sadar police station till January 20. The Public Prosecutor, Mr B.S. Dhami, had pleaded for a 20-day police remand by arguing that the police had yet to recover the passports of the other accused. However, the court denied the prosecution's plea for a 20-day remand and instead sent Mehta to police custody till January 20.

– Police remand for Bulbul Mehta. *Tribune.* January 18, 2004: 5.

Property dealer Bulbul Mehta, who is an accused in the human trafficking case along with pop star Daler Mehndi and his brother Shamsher besides others, was on January 24 granted bail by the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate P.S. Dhanoa. Bulbul had earlier surrendered in the court on January 16 following which he was twice remanded in police custody. He was at present in judicial custoday in the case. The judge, while granting him bail asked him to furnish a local surety or another surety with a Rs 50,000 fixed deposit reciept (FDR). He has also been asked to surrender his passport and ordered not to leave the country.

– Bulbul Mehta gets bail. *Tribune.* January 25, 2004: 20.

Mehta, L.M.

Mr. L.M. Mehta, a retired Haryana cadre I.A.S. officer of the 1968 batch has been appointed by the Union Government as Administrative Member in the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT). He has been posted in the Chandigarh bench of the Tribunal. Mr. Mehta retired as Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Urban Development and Chairman-cum-Managing Director of HUDCO.

– New CAT member. *Hindu.* February 24, 2004: 5.

Mehta, S.S., Lt Gen

Lieut-General S.S. Mehta, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Command Headquarters, who retires on January 31 after putting in 41 years of service, said "I am feeling great and enriched about the outstanding experience I had while serving the force." Born in Rawalpindi on January 20, 1944, he got commissioned into the Army in 1962 in 63rd Cavalry, a regiment he commanded later on.

– Gen Mehta looks back with affection. *Tribune.* January 31, 2004: 2.

Memani, K.N.

Renowned chartered accountant and former Chairman and Country Managing Partner Ernst and Young, Mr. K.N. Memani has taken over as President of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) for 2004-05. Memani specialises in business and corporate advisory and foreign taxation, financial consultancy.

– Memani takes over as PHDCCI chief. *Tribune.* December 20, 2004: 17.

– Briefly : PHDCCI chief. *Sunday Tribune.* December 12, 2004: 21.

Menon, Nikhila

Nikhila Menon of Delhi has topped the Indian Economic Service (IES) examination 2003, conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). She is working for the Institute of Applied Manpower Research as also pursuing her Ph.D.

– Delhi woman tops IES. *Hindu.* October 16, 2004: 3.

Menon, S.N.

Mr S.N. Menon, an IAS officer of the 1969 batch of the West Bengal cadre, today took over as the new Commerce Secretary. Earlier, he had served in the Department of Commerce for almost three-and-a-half years, initially as Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser from February 2001 and then as Special Secretary with effect from September 2003, in which capacity he headed the Trade Policy Division (TPD).

– Menon takes over as Commerce Secretary. *Tribune.* October 2, 2004 : 2.

Merani, Kumud

India born broadcaster Kumud Merani's bilingual documentary titled, "Girmit Ki Kahani" in Hindi and "Sweet Sorrow" in English produced for the SBS Radio in Australia has won the 2004 Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union Award in the News and Current Affairs Category.

– Briefly: Documentary by Indian wins award. *Tribune.* October 13, 2004 : 9.

Miglani, M.K.

Mr M.K. Miglani, Vice-Chancellor of Haryana Agricultural University on January 7 asked scientists to develop insect and disease-resistant crop varieties to minimise the use of insecticides on crops. He was inaugurating an advanced training course in recent advances in host-plant resistance to insects organised by the ICAR Centre of Advanced Study in Karnal.

– Develop insect-resistant crop varieties, says V.C. *Tribune.* January 9, 2004 : 7.

Mir Qasim

Mir Qasim (83) former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister passed away in New Delhi on December 12 following a brief illness. He became the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir in 1972 following the death of G.M. Sadiq. He was known as the founding father of the Congress in the State.

– Mir Qasim dead. *Tribune.* December 13. 2004: 2.

Mirza, Sania

Unseeded Sania Mirza of India won her seventh international professional title, beating third-seed American Cory Ann Avants 6-2, 6-3 in the singles final of the Boca Raton Classic Women's ITF Tournament in Florida. In a scintillating display of power, Sania raised the level of her game splendidly to dislodge the highly-rated American girl, ranked 80 places above the Indian at 282. In the semifinal played earlier, Sania upset South African Chanelle Schepers 6-2, 7-6 (7-3) with another strong showing. The title gives Sania nine WTA points and she had added 3.25 by reaching the quarter-finals in last week's tournament.

– Sania Mirza bags US title. *Tribune.* February 3, 2004: 16.

– Sania triumphs. *Hindu.* February 3, 2004: 23.

Sonia Mirza (Ind)-Liezel Huber (SA) pair wins the WTA-ING Vysya Hyderabad Open doubles tournament on Feb 21. (*Hindu.* Feb 22, 2004)

In a fierce battle of attrition, Sania Mirza came from behind to defeat Chanelle Schepers of South Africa 4-6, 7-6(3), 7-5 in the finals to win the $ 25000

ITF title at Lagos, Nigeria. This is the second ITF title for Sania in two weeks at Lagos and her ranking should be less than 200 with this win.

– Sania wins title. *Tribune.* October 18, 2004: 18.

Mishra, Brajesh

Prime Minister's Principal Secretary and National Security Adviser Brajesh Mishra would leave for Beijing on January 11 for the second round of Sino-Indian talks on boundary, beginning January 12. Mr Mishra would hold talks with China's Executive Vice-Foreign Minister Dai Bingguo to explore solution to the long and protracted boundary dispute between the two countries from the political perspective. Mr Mishra and Mr Dai were appointed Special Representatives during Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's China visit last year to deal with the border dispute from political perspective. Mr Mishra and Mr Dai had held the first round of talks in New Delhi on October 23 and 24.

– Mishra leaves for Beijing today. *Tribune.* January 11, 2004: 24.

Brajesh Mishra, who served as the Principal Secretary to the then Prime Minister, A.B.Vajpayee, resigns on May 22. (*Hindu.* May 23, 2004)

Mishra, Manish

Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's grand nephew, Manish Mishra was killed when he was thrown out of a speeding train for protesting eve teasing by drunken youth near Kosi Kalan in neighbouring Mathura district on January 24. An inquiry has been ordered into the incident. The Prime Minister visited Manish's father at Kosi Kalan near Mathura on January 25.

– Vajpyee's kin thrown out of train, dies; probe ordered. *Tribune.* January 26, 2004: 1.

– Pandey, Devesh K. CB sleuths in UP to trace Mishra killers. *Hindu.* February 2, 2004 : 1.

Ramji Verma an alleged main culprit in the killing of Manish Mishra was arrested at Champa in Chhattisgarh.

– Digest : Arrested. *Hindu.* February 10, 2004: 1.

Mr. Ramji Verma, the prime accused in the killing of Prime Minister Vajpayee's grand nephew Manish Mishra was remanded to police custody by a Mathura court on February 21.

– Manish case accused remanded. *Hindu.* February 22, 2004 : 5.

Mishra, Narayan

The Patna High Court on July 1, let off Bihar Director-General of Police

Narayan Mishra, after he informed the Court that all four policemen absconding in a case relating to an assault on the then Additional District Judge of Bhagalpur, D.N. Barai had been arrested. A Division Bench of the Patna High Court on June 30 had threatened to send the DGP behind bars if the absconding policemen were not arrested within 24 hours.

– Briefly: DGP acquitted in assault case. *Tribune.* July 2, 204 : 1.

Mishra, Pramod Kumar (Dr)

Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra, a 1972 batch IAS officer, has been posted as Member Secretary, NCR Planning Board under the Urban Development Ministry. He was Additional Secretary in the Home Ministry. Official announcement to this effect was made on September 1.

– *Tribune.* September 1, 2004: 2.

Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra, IAS has been posted as Member Secretary, National Capital Region Planning Board under the Urban Development Ministry. Mishra was earlier Additional Secretary in the Home Ministry.

– K.M. Sahani is new Labour Secretary. *Tribune.* September 2, 2004: 2.

Mittal, Ajay Kumar

Advocate Ajay Kumar Mittal was administered oath as Punjab and Haryana High Court Judge on January 9, 2004 in Chandigarh by CJ B.K. Roy in his court room.

– Sharma, Bhalla, Mittal to be sworn in today. *Tribune.* January 9, 2004: 3.

Mittal, Lakshmi

London-based Indian steel magnate Lakshmi Mittal has been adjudged the third richest person in the city that has a presence of billionaires like the Duke of Westminister.

– Laskshmi Mittal third richest in London. *Tribune.* January 28, 2004: 21.

According to media reports, the UK based non-resident steel wizard Lakshmi Mittal, the richest Asian in the UK, has bought a central London house for a record price of £ 70 million, in the prestigious Kensington Palace Gardens.

– Briefly: NRI buys house for £ 70 mn. *Tribune.* April 12, 2004: 9.

Mr. Lakshmi Mittal (54) and Mr. Arun Sarin (49) are the two prominent Non-Resident Indians who figure among the 25 most powerful persons in business in Europe. Sarin, CEO of Britain's Vodafone, the world's largest wireless company is named seventh while steel baron Lakshmi Mittal chief of LNM is listed 15th among Europe's Power 25—the most powerful people in business according to the latest issue of *Forbes*.

– Mittal, Sarin among 25 powerful tycoons in *Europe*. *Tribune*. August 4, 2004: 17.

An announcement to the Dutch stock exchange of a $17.8 bn (£10.5 billion) merger between Mittal's steel conglomerate, Ispat, and its rival, International Steel Group, made the Indian-born entrepreneur Britain's richest man. The deal reveals for the first time the true scale of Mr Mittal's personal wealth, long hidden in the inner workings of a private company, LNM, used to hold his family's investments. The man who was last year ranked fifth in the *Sunday Times Rich List* with an estimated fortune of £3.5 bn, is now known to be worth £12 bn placing him ahead of the Russian oligarch Roman Abramovich (£7.5 bn) and the Duke of Westminister (£4.9 bn). The figure confirms once and for all the shrewd efficiency with which Mr Mittal has accumulated his vast fortune.

– Indian steel tycoon is UK's richest man. *Tribune*. October 30, 2004: 17.

Lakshmi Mittal tops the *Forbes* magazine's maiden list of the richest Indians worldwide, with a wealth of $11.2 billion (over 50,000 crore). He ranks 272nd in the *Forbes* world rich list.

– Lakshmi Mittal richest Indian. *Tribune*. December 10, 2004: 17.

Mittal, Sunil Bharti

Mr. Sunil Bharti Mittal, Chairman and Group Managing Director of Bharti Enterprises has been awarded the Qimpro Gold Standard 2004 for revolutionising the quality of telecommunication in India.

– Awarded. *Tribune*. December 21, 2004 : 17.

Mittal, V.K.

Uttar Pradesh Government today appointed the seniormost IAS officer in the State, V.K. Mittal, as the new Chief Secretary. Mr Mittal, who was till date holding the additional charge of the post, was made the permanent Chief Secretary after V.K. Diwan who retired from the post on April 30 last, official sources said. Earlier, Mr Mittal was the Additional Chief Secretary-cum-Agricultural Production Commissioner.

Modi, Narendra

The Supreme Court order on reopening of 2,100 post-Godhra riot cases and submissions by Gujarat's top policemen before the Nanavati-Shah Enquiry Commission has rattled the Chief Minister Narendra Modi. Sachivalaya sources said the recent developments led Modi into a huddle with senior ministers, bureaucrats and police over the weekend even as the case regarding transfer of riot cases outside the State comes up for hearing before the Apex Court on August 22. Modi is learnt to have told in-charge DGP A.K. Bhargava on August 20 that Gujarat was being singled out. In the meeting, also attended by top police officers, Modi said the Government would not object to the SC's decision. Though the CM is trying to put up a brave front, clearing files and even attending felicitations, he is clearly jittery as the implications of the developments sink in, said a source. On Saturday, Modi was closeted in his chamber with his Law Minister Ashok Bhatt and senior Law Department officials. Later in the day, State law and home department officials held a meeting with Bhargava on the same issue.

– New Godhra findings rattle Modi: *Times of India*. August 23 : 8.

Modi, Yogendra K.

Yogendra K. Modi takes over as FICCI President at 76th annual session in New Delhi on Jan. 8. (*Hindu*. Jan. 9, 2004)

Mohamed Ali, A.P.

Mr. A.P. Mohamed Ali, Deputy Inspector-General of Police (DIG) and other two, who were arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in connection with the "fake stamp paper scam" case were released on bail on September 30.

– Sangameswaran, K.T. Many police officers involved in fake stamp paper case: CBI. *Hindu*. July 8, 2004: 7.

– Mohamed Ali, two others released on conditional bail. *Hindu*. October 1, 2004 : 6.

Mohammad Afzal

The Supreme Court stays the execution of Mohammad Afzal, an accused in the Parliament attack case on Feb 20. (*Hindu*. Feb. 21 , 2004)

Mohan, Rakesh (Dr)

The Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and former Director-General of the National Council for Applied Economic Reserch (NCAER), Dr Rakesh Mohan, is tipped to take over as the next Finance Secretary. Dr Mohan, was earlier Adviser to the Finance Minister during Mr Yashwant Singh's stint at the North Block in the erst-while NDA regime. The present Finance Secretary, Mr D.C. Gupta is slated for retirement on October 31, 2004. Dr Mohan, who has also had a stint as the Economic Adviser in the Industry Ministry earlier and had chaired the Committee on the Infrastructure Reforms, has been the Deputy Governor of the RBI since July 2002. A career economist, with stints in various organisations, including the World Bank, Dr Rakesh Mohan's appointment, may mark a return of economists at top government post. By and large, the post of the Finance Secretary has traditionally been occupied by a top bureaucrat, although there have been instances where economists have occupied the post.

– Rakesh Mohan tipped to be next Finance Secretay. *Tribune.* September 30, 2004: 20.

Mr. Rakesh Mohan, the Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been appointed Finance Secretary. He succeeds Mr. D.C. Gupta following his retirement.

– Rakesh Mohan is Finance Secy. *Tribune.* October 27, 2004: 2.

Mohapatra, Guru Kelucharan

Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra (78) renowned Odissi exponent died of cardiac arrest in Bhubaneswar on April 7. (*Hindu.* April 8, 2004)

Mongia, Nayan

Nayan Mongia, former India wicket keeper-batsman announced his decision to retire from first class cricket on December 21. The 35-year-old Arjun awardee has played 44 tests, 140 one-day internationals and 158 first class matches during his two-decade-long cricketing career.

– Mongia quits on a bitter note. *Tribune.* Dec. 22, 2004: 18.

– Nayan Mongia announces retirement. *Hindu.* December 22, 2004 : 16.

Moraes, Dom

The noted writer and columnist, Dom Moraes died on June 2 in Mumbai following a heart attack. He was 65. Moraes was son of late Frank Moraes who was the first Indian editor of the *Times of India*.

More, Kiran

Kiran More, national selector (W), took over the reins as the Chairman of the National Selection Committee from Syed Kirmani.

– Kiran More to head selection panel. *Tribune.* October 1, 2004: 18.

Mufti, Mehbooba

The People' Democratic Party president, Mehbooba Mufti, escapes bid on life after militants attacked a rally in Uri killing nine and injuring 80 on April 8. (*Hindu.* April 9, 2004)

Militants make another attempt on the life of the People's Democratic Party President, Mehbooba Mufti, at a public meeting in South Kashmir on April 25. (*Hindu.* April 26, 2004)

Muivah, Thuigaleng

Senior Naga insurgent leaders Isak Swu and T. Muivah of NSCN had meetings with Prime Minister and the Home Minister on December 7.

- Naga leaders to meet PM. *Tribune.* December 6, 2004: 20.
- Editorial : So far so good : Now move on to substantive Naga issues. *Tribune.* December 9, 2004 : 10.

Visiting NSCN (I-M) Chairman Isak Chishi Swu and General Secretary, T. Muivah called on Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh at his residence on December 7.

- Satyanarayanan, S. Naga leaders meet PM: Seek peaceful, honourable solution. *Tribune.* December 8, 2004: 1,14.
- Swarup, Harihar. Profile: Naga leader who realises futility of armed struggle. *Sunday Tribune.* December 12, 2004: 17.

Mukherjee, Hiren

Hiren Mukherjee (97), veteran Communist leader died in Kolkata on July 30. (*Hindu.* July 31, 2004)

Mukherjee, Pranab

Newly appointed Defence Minister in UPA has been nominated on May 27 to be the Leader of House in the Lok Sabha. He is the senior most Minister in Dr Manmohan Singh's Cabinet, as at present Dr Singh is not a member of the Lok Sabha.

- *Tribune.* May 28: 2.

Mukherjee, Rani

Film star Rani Mukherjee will now endorse hair care products of Dabur. The company has signed her for endorsing its range of haircare products. Media reports quote industry sources saying that Dabur would be paying between Rs. 2.5-3.0 crores for the contract.

- Dabur ropes in Fanta girl Rani Mukherjee. *Tribune.* April 2, 2004: 15.

Mukherjee, Shiv Shankar

Mr. Shiv Shankar Mukherjee, has been appointed as the new Ambassador of India to Nepal. He is presently India's High Commissioner to South Africa. Mukherjee succeeds Mr. Shyam Saran.

- Briefly: Mukherjee new envoy to Nepal. *Tribune.* July 10, 2004: 11.

Munda, Arjun

Jharkhand Chief Minister Arjun Munda has been pulled up by the Election Commission (EC), for distributing ration cards containing his photograph. In view of the coming elections in the State the EC has directed the State Government to withdraw these cards and issue new ones without the photograph.

– Venkatesan, J. Election Commission pulls up Arjun Munda. *Hindu.* December 5, 2004 : 8.

Munda, Karia

Karia Munda gets Non-Conventional Energy Sources Ministry in the Govt of India on Jan. 8. (*Hindu.* Jan. 9, 2004)

Munjal, Brij Mohan

Mr. Brij Mohan Munjal, chairman of Hero Motors and a leading industrialist has been conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award by the All-India Management Association (AIMA). He has been honoured for being one of the most accomplished and revered business patriarchs in the country today. The AIMA referred to Mr. Munjal as an inspiring business leader and a conscientious corporate citizen.

– AIMA awards presented. *Hindu.* February 24, 2004: 4.

Muraleedharan, K.

The crisis faced by the Congress in Kerala appeared heading for a solution with former Chief Minister K. Karunakaran's son K. Muraleedharan resigning as PCC(I) chief to join the Government headed by Mr A.K. Antony as part of a compromise formula. "KPCC chief K. Muraleedharan has tendered his resignation from the post and it has been accepted by the Party Chief, Sonia Gandhi. However, he has been advised to continue till an alternative arrangement is made," Congress spokesman Anand Sharma told reporters in New Delhi. He said the Kerala Chief Minister had proposed to expand his Ministry and induct Muraleedharan as a Cabinet Minister. The decision has the endorsement and support of Mrs Gandhi, the spokesman said.

– Muralidharan quits as KPCC chief. *Tribune.* February 2004: 1.

Mr. K. Muraleedharan, the former president of the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) was on February 11 sworn in as a Minister in the A.K. Antony cabinet of Kerala. He was allocated the Electricity portfolio. According to the media reports, Muraleedharan's induction into the cabinet is the outcome of a settlement formula to end the protracted factional feud in the State unit of the Congress.

– Muraleedharan sworn in Minister. *Hindu.* February 12, 2004: 7.

Muthiah, A.C.

Mr. A.C. Muthiah, Chairman of Southern Petrochemical Industries Corporation (SPIC) has been nominated Chairman of the Indian Institute of

Management (IIM), Kozhikode for a period of five years. He succeeds K.P.P. Nambiar, a technocrat, who was the IIM Kozhikode Chairman since 1996.

- A.C. Muthiah chairman of IIM, Kozhikode. *Hindu.* February 15, 2004: 10.
- IIMs need more Government funding: Muthiah. *Hindu.* February 16, 2004 : 13.

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Nabla, D.R. alias Ranjan Daimari

D.R. Nabla alias Ranjan Daimari the Chief of National Democratic Front of Bodoland is alleged to have organised violence in Assam between October 2 and October 5 in coordination with ULFA, killing 40 persons and injuring over 100. Nabla is on the Interpol wanted list since 1997. The Interpol profile of D.R. Nabla lists him as a postgraduate in political science, who has undergone rigorous arms training and is also well-versed in guerrila warfare. He is also described as a man who conspired with the NSCN to mount an armed movement to cede Assam from the Indian Union.

– NDFB Chief on Interpol wanted list. *Tribune.* October 26, 2004: 20.

Nagalia, A.K, Air Marshal

Air Marshal A.K. Nagalia AVSM VM VSM has taken over the charge of the Air Officer-in-Charge Personnel of IAF at the Air Headquarters (Vayu Bhavan), New Delhi. Air Marshal Nagalia was commissioned in the IAF on June 2, 1968, in the fighter stream. In his career so far he has flown 4,500 hours on various types of fighter aircraft. He is also a qualified flying instructor who has done an instructional tenure in Iraq. Air Marshal Nagalia is a test pilot and has served as a test pilot in various Aircraft System Testing Establishments. He has been closely associated with the prestigious Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) project. He is a graduate of the National Defence College and has completed the staff course from Royal Air Force Staff College, United Kingdom. Air Marshal Nagalia was awarded the Vishisht Seva Medal in 1985, the Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry) in 1993, and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 2004.

– Nagalia to head personnel at Air Headquarters, *Tribune.* November 3, 2004: 2.

Nagmani

Mr Nagmani, who is the Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, announced the merger of his party with BJP at a function held at Vithalbhai Patel House in the presence of the BJP President, Mr Venkaiah Naidu and a score of BJP leaders and ministers. Incidentally, Mr Nagmani was elected to the Lok Sabha on the Rashtriya Janta Dal ticket and he went on to split the party to form his Shoshit Kranti Dal. Subsequently, he was made a Minister in the Vajpayee Council of Ministers last year. Mr

Nagmani said the decision to merge with the BJP was taken by the party's Executive at its meeting. Mr Nagmani described the BJP as secular, and said terming the party as fundamentalist was part of a Congress disinformation campaign. He said during the Congress regime the percentage of Muslims in government jobs had come down.

– Nagmani join's BJP. *Tribune.* January 6, 2004: 18.

Naidu, Muppavarapu Venkaiah

Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu on October 18, quit as the President of the BJP, citing personal reasons. Media reports say that Naidu's resignation is the result of BJP's poor performance in the Maharashtra elections.

- Misra, Satish and S. Satyanarayanan. Venkaiah Naidu quits: Advani to take over as BJP President. *Tribune.* October 19, 2004: 1.
- Sangh not behind Venkaiah's removal, says RSS chief. *Tribune.* October 25, 2004: 3.

Naidu, N. Chandrababu

The Supreme Court will hear a petition for a CBI probe into the alleged acquiring of "huge assets" by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu on January 8. A public interest litigation (PIL) filed by Kanna Lakshmi Narayana, a Congress MLA in the dissolved State Assembly and party's state unit General Secretary K.R. Amos, alleged that Mr Naidu while in the office had acquired assets, including land and other property worth Rs 76 crore, which is "disproportionate" to his known sources of income.

– SC to hear petition against Naidu today. *Tribune.* January 8, 2004: 18.

The Supreme Court on Decmeber 10 gave green signal to the probe agencies to go ahead with an inquiry against former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and his Cabinet colleagues for allegedly providing illegal monetary benefit of Rs.550 crore to liquor companies.

– Briefly : SC orders probe against Naidu. *Tribune.* December 11, 2004: 2.

Naik, A.M.

Mr. A.M. Naik the Chairman and Managing Director of Larsen & Toubro has been conferred the J.R.D. Tata Corporate Leadership Award by the All-India Management Association (AIMA). He has been honoured for successfully restructuring L&T to leverage its core competencies and address itself to meet and master business challenges, thus enhancing value for shareholders.

– AIMA awards presented. *Hindu.* February 24, 2004: 4.

Naik, Cheryl

Fifteen-year-old Cheryl Naik, an Indian migrant in Australia has received the rare honour of being selected by a provincial government as one of the 17 youth ambassadors for the event to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the historical gold rush uprising as "Eureka 150".

– Honour for Indian migrant. *Tribune.* October 27, 2004: 9.

Naik, Ram

The Union Petroleum Minister, Ram Naik, dedicates to the nation India's first LNG terminal in Dahej, Gujarat on Feb 9. (*Hindu.* Feb. 10, 2004)

Nair, P. Madhavan

The government on October 7 cleared the appointment of Mr. P. Madhavan Nair as Secretary to President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on a contract basis. Nair was to retire on October 31, and his contractual appointment would be co-terminus with the term of Dr. Kalam. Nair is an IPS officer of 1967 batch.

– Nair to remain Kalam's Secy after retirement. *Sunday Tribune.* October 10, 2004: 2.

Nair, T.K.A.

Mr T.K.A. Nair has been appointed as the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Dr Manmohan Singh. The Punjab cadre 1957 batch IAS officer is at present Chairman of the Public Enterprises Selection Board. He had been the Chief Secretary of Punjab in 1995-96 and had held other important assignments during his career. Mr. Nair earlier served as the Principal Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office when Mr I K Gujral was the Prime Minister during 1997-98. Mr Nair has been the PSEB Chairman since July 1999. He retired from the Indian Administrative Service in 1997. Prior to that, he was Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests in 1996-97 and Special Secretary, Planning Commission in 1995.

– Nair to be Principal Secretary to PM. *Tribune,* May 24 :1.

Nakai, Sandeep

Mr. Sandeep Nakai of Associated Press and G. Vishwanath of *the Hindu* have been unanimously elected as President and Secretary, respectively of the Sports Journalists Federation of India (SJFI) for a two-year term (2004-2006) on June 29, during its annual general meeting and elections.

– Nakai, Vishwanath elected. *Tribune.* July 1, 2004: 19.

Namrita Kaur

Namrita Kaur and Suprita Kaur, 23-year-old twins, created history in the annals of the Indian Air Force on being commissioned as Flying Officers at the Air Force Academy in Hyderabad on December 18. They underwent training together and were selected as fighter controllers.

– Reddy, Ravi. Twin sisters create history. *Hindu.* December 19, 2004: 11.

Naqvi, M.A.

BJP Vice-President M.A. Naqvi has been retained as incharge of Himahcal Pradesh.

– BJP retains Naqvi in Himachal. *Tribune.* Novevember 27, 2004:2.

Narah, Baharat

State Tribal Affairs Minister, Baharat Narah, is in the midst of the controversy after the police picked up his personal secretary on October 12 for interrogation. Recently a leader of ULFA, D.Gohain, was arrested by the police. He reportedly confessed that the Minister had links with ULFA. Subsequently, the police arrested Congress worker M. Handique and seized from him documents which reportedly indicated the Minister's link with ULFA. A top official of the special branch of the state police disclosed that M.Handique was a frequent visitor to the Minister's office. This was reportedly admitted by the personal secretary of the minister too. Both D.Gohain and M.Handique were arrested in connection with the infamous Dhemaji blast in the State on August 15 this year, which claimed 13 lives, including those of 10 children.

– Minister accused of links with ULFA. *Tribune.* October 14, 2004: 2.

Narasimha Rao, P.V.

The Nanavati Commission, probing the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, on July 9 issued notice to the former Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, for his alleged indifference towards the violence following the assassination of late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Rao was Home Minister at the time of anti-Sikh riots.

– Nanavati panel notice to Narasimha Rao. *Hindu.* July 10, 2004: 11

– '84 riots probe panel issues notices to Rao, 3 others. *Tribune.* July 10, 2004: 2.

Former Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao (83) passed away of cardiac arrest at AIIMS on December 23. He was the first leader from outside the Nehru-Gandhi family to head a government at the Centre for a full term. The government announced a seven-day national mourning to condole his death.

The former Prime Minister, Pamulaparti Venkata Narasimha Rao (83), passed away at the AIIMS, New Delhi following a cardiac arrest on Dec 23. (*Hindu.* Dec. 24, 2004)

Rao's mortal remains were consigned to flames with full military honours on the banks of the Hussainsagar Lake in Hyderabad.

- Narasimha Rao passes away : Both Houses adjourned sine die; seven-day mourning. *Tribune.* Dec. 24, 2004 : 1, 13.
- Editorial : Father of reforms : Rao was known by the company he kept. *Tribune.* December 24, 2004 : 10.
- Barman, Abheek. Rao : Man who came in from the cold. *Times of India.* December 24, 2004: 8.
- Editorial : Unlikely helmsman. *Hindu.* Dec. 25, 2004 : 10.
- Letter to the editor : Underrated PM. *Hindu.* December 25, 2004: 10.
- Malhotra, Inder. He brought about a paradigm change in the economic policy. *Hindu.* December 26, 2004: 10.
- Kalyani Shankar. The reformer in Rao : He had his moments of glory and ignominy. *Tribune.* December 27, 2004 : 10.
- Life and Times of P.V. Narasimha Rao. *Hindu.* December 24, 2004: 14.
- Subrahmanyam, K. P.V. Narasimha Rao and the Bomb : How he pushed development of N-deterrent. *Tribune.* December 29, 2004: 11.
- Rangarajan, C. Not a reluctant reformer. *Hindu.* December 30, 2004: 10.

Narayana, K.

Mr. K. Narayana, the Deputy Excise Commissioner was placed under suspension on October 14 as per the All India Service (Conduct) Rules. Mr. Narayana got embroiled in a controversy when Ms. Narmada of Adilabad claimed that she was his second wife and had two children from him. Though Mr. Narayana refused to acknowledge his relationship with her, a DNA test established that he is the biological parent of the child.

- Official suspended. *Hindu.* October 15, 2004: 6.

Nariman, Fali S.

Fali S. Nariman opposed the bringing of the President and PM under Lok Pal. It will not be proper to bring these top constitutional offices under the Lok Pal. I am totally opposed to the idea. The two offices should never be included in the Lok Pal Bills. Then you are making the Lok Pal higher than the President and the Prime Minister. It will be disastrous for democracy.

- President, PM should not be brought under Lok Pal, says Nariman. *Tribune.* November 7, 2004: 12.

Narlikar, Jayant Vishnu

Renowned astrophysicist, J.V. Narlikar on June 30 gets Padma Vibhushan award on the 55th Republic Day for his contribution to Science and service to the nation.

– Padam Vibhushan for Narlikar and Justice Venkatachaliah. *Tribune.* January 26, 2004: 1.

Jayant Vishnu Narlikar was honoured with Padma Vibhushan on June 30. (*Hindu.* July 1, 2004)

Natarajan, M.

Noted defence technologist, Mr. M. Natarajan will take over as the new chief of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). He is presently the DRO's Chief Controller of Research and Development for Armaments, Combat Vehicles and Engineering Equipment. The Cabinet Committee on Appointments (CCA) cleared Mr. Natarajan's name on August 27. He will take over from Dr. V.K. Atre.

– Natarajan to head DRDO. *Tribune.* August 31, 2004: 2.

Nayak, P.J.

Mr. P.J. Nayak the Chairman and Managing Director of the UTI Bank Ltd. was on December 22 re-appointed by the Board of Directors as the CMD with effect from January 01, 2005 in view of his performance during the past five years.

– Executive Digest : PJ Nayak back as CMD of UTI Bank. *Times of India.* December 23, 2004: 11.

Nayak, Sunil

Mr. Sunil Nayak the Minister of State for Animal Husbandry in Madhya Pradesh was dismissed on December 27 by the Chief Minister Mr. Babulal Gaur. Media reports say that Nayak's recent statement demanding re-instatement of Ms. Uma Bharti as the Chief Minister had necessitated the action.

– Madhya Pradesh CM sacks Sunil Nayak. *Tribune.* December 28, 2004: 2.

– It will cost dear, says dropped BJP Minister. *Hindu.* December 30, 2004 : 5.

Nayanar, E.K.

Former Kerala Chief Minister and CPM Politburo member E.K. Nayanar died at the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi following multi-organ failure. He was 86. He is survived by his wife, Sharada, and four children — Krishnakumar, Sudha, Vindo Kumar and Usha. Mr Nayanar was the longest serving Chief Minister of Kerala having held the position for 10 years and 10 months during three terms (1981-82, 1986-91 and 1996-2001). He was also the longest serving Secretary of the Kerala unit of the Communist Party of India (Marxist).

Negi, G.S., Lt Gen (retd)

Lt. Gen. G.S. Negi (retd.) has been appointed Chairman of the Uttaranchal Public Service Commission. He replaces Mr. K. Arya. Gen. Negi recently retired as Commandant of the Indian Military Academy. (IMA)

– Briefly: Gen Negi is PSC Chairman. *Tribune.* December 4, 2004: 2.

Nehra, B.S., Justice

The Punjab Government has appointed Justice B.S. Nehra of the Punjab and Haryana High Court to head the Inquiry Commission set up to probe the allegations contained in a news item published in an English daily on December 28, 2003 under the headline "Curious transactions in name of Punjab Intranet". An official spokesman said on January 2 that the Commission would submit its report within two months. The Commission has been set up to probe whether Mr Raninder Singh, son of Chief Minister Amarinder Singh, is involved in the transactions of $ 1,00,000. When contacted Justice Nehra said: "I have not received any letter from the Punjab Government regarding my appointment".

– Justice Nehra to head inquiry. *Tribune.* January 3, 2004 : 5.

Nirmal Singh

Mr. Nirmal Singh, a senior IAS officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre (1970 batch) on December 24 assumed office as Secretary - General of the National Human Rights Commission. Earlier he was serving as Director-General, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), New Delhi.

– New NHRC Secretary-General. *Hindu.* December 25, 2004: 13.

Noon, Gulam, Sir

NRI industrialist Sir Gulam Noon has won the International Punjabi Society Award for 2004 for entrepreneurship, philanthropy and vision. The award was conferred on him by the President of the International Punjabi Society, (European Division) GS Gujaral, CBE (Commander of the British Empire) at the annual dinner and Diwali celebrations of the Society at a hotel on November 5.

– Punjabi Society Award for industrialist Noon. *Tribune.* November 6, 2004: 9.

Nooyi, Indra

Indra Nooyi, President and CEO of Pepsico in India figures in a list of the world's top 50 business women announced by the *Wall Street Journal* on November 8. Nooyi finds mention in the list on the 16th position. Two Indians figure in the list, another being the Deputy CEO of HSBC in India, Naina Lal Kidwai, who finds mention at the 34th position.

– Nooyi, Kidwai among Women to Watch. *Hindu.* November 9, 2004: 19.

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Ola, Sis Ram

Sis Ram Ola is given the Mine Ministry in the Center on Nov. 27. (*Hindu.* Nov. 28, 2004)

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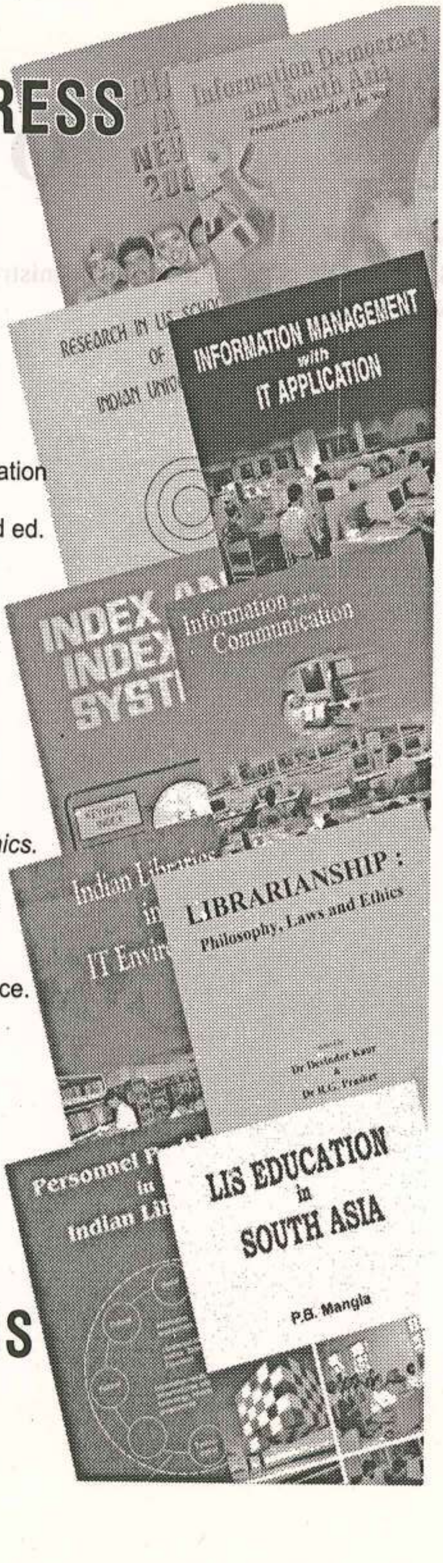
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Padmanabhaiah, K.

The Centre's interlocutor on Naga talks, Mr K. Padmanabhaiah, will meet leaders of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland — Isak — Muivah (NSCN-IM) soon to hold another round of peace parleys with the Naga outfit. Mr Padmanabhaiah, who met Home Minister Shivraj Patil for about 45 minutes on June 28, said he had briefed the Home Minister about his talks with the NSCN (IM) leaders in Amsterdam last week and had submitted his report to him.

– Padmanabhaiah meets Patil. *Tribune.* June 29, 2004: 20.

Paes, Leander

Leander Paes recording his 71st match victory overtaking the record set by Indian tennis legend Ramanathan Krishnan (69) in the Davis Cup Asia/ Oceania Group 1 match against Japan on April 9. (*Hindu.* April 10, 2004)

Leander Paes-Mahesh Bhupathi pair wins the Tennis Masters in Canada on Aug 2. (*Hindu.* Aug 3, 2004)

Paintal, Avtar Singh (Padma Vibhushan)

Mr. Avtar Singh Paintal (79) an exponent in the field of physiological research passed away in New Delhi on December 21. Mr. Paintal, the former Director-General of the Indian Council of Medical Research, was the first research scientist to be awarded the London-based prestigious Fellow of Royal Society (FRS).

– Research scientist dead. *Hindu.* December 23, 2004: 12.

– Kalam condoles Paintal's death. *Hindu.* December 24, 2004: 11.

Pande, Govind Chandra (Prof.)

Prof. Govind Chandra Pande's collection of poems in Sanskrit, 'Bhagirathi' has been chosen for the prestigious Saraswati Samman for 2003. Prof Govind Chandra Pande is a renowned scholar. The announcement of the award carrying Rs. 5 lakh was made by the K.K. Birla Foundation on Feb. 24.

– G.C. Pande's book bags Saraswati Samman. *Hindu.* Feb. 25, 2004: 8.

Pande, P.C.

Mr. P.C. Pande, the Additional Director of CBI was on October 25 shifted to the Indo-Tribetan Border Police as Additional Director-General. Pande had been in controversy over his role as Ahmedabad Police Commissioner during the post-Godhra riots. His appointment in the CBI in 2003 had also generated a lot of controversy with some NGOs even went to the apex court for his removal from CBI as the agency was probing some sensitive riot cases.

– P.C. Pande posted as Addl. DG in ITBP. *Tribune.* October 26, 2004: 13.

Pandey, Sandeep

Magsaysay award winner Sandeep Pandey was brutally beaten up by the Varansai police along with his supporters on November 25. The incident took place near the Coca-Cola factory at Mehdiganj in Varanasi district.

– Briefly : Magsaysay Award winner beaten up. *Tribune.* November 26, 2004: 2.

Pandit, Lakshmi

Mumbai-based classical dancer, Lakshmi Pandit who had bagged the 'Miss India-World' crown at Ponds Femina Miss India 2004 contest held in Mumbai on March 27 finds herself in a difficult situation over allegation that she was married to one Mr. Siddharth Misra. As per media reports there were a lot of other inconsistencies in the information furnished by her about herself.

– Lakshmi was disqualified for Gladrags contest. *Tribune.* March 30, 2004: 20.

Femina Miss India-World 2004 Lakshmi Pandit on March 31, returned her crown in the wake of the controversy over her marital status. Pandit is facing an inquiry into the allegation that she was married. One of the pre-requisites of the Miss India contest is that only unmarried are eligible to participate.

– Lakshmi returns her crown. *Tribune.* April 1, 2004: 1.

– People: "Mrs. India"? *Tribune.* April 5, 2004: 11.

Pandit, Mohammad Shafi

Senior IAS officer, Mohammad Shafi Pandit was on June 28 appointed as the Chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC). Mr Pandit, a gold medallist for distinguished service and awardee of the prestigious Hubert Hamphrey Fellowship of the USA, has been appointed for a five-year term with constitutional guarantees for ensuring autonomous functioning by the Governor Lt-Gen S.K. Sinha (retd.) A 1969-batch IAS officer, Mr Pandit assumes charge at a time when the Commission is mired with controversy over recruitment for Kashmir Administrative Service (KAS) with the bulk of appointees being from the Jammu region.

Mr Pandit has served two stints in the Union Government, Deputy Secretary in the Petroleum and Chemicals Ministry (1978-80) and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Welfare (1990-95). The officer has the distinction of being the first Kashmiri Muslim to make it to the prestigious service as a direct recruit. He has served the State Government in various capacities.

– Pandit in new JKPSC chairman. *Tribune.* June 29, 2004: 6.

Pandit, Ronak

Ronak Pandit a promising youngster won the gold in the junior men's 25m rapid fire pistol at the 10th Asian shooting championships in Kuala Lumpur on February 10.

– Ronak Pandit claims gold. *Hindu.* February 11, 2004: 19.

Pandove, R.P.

Mr. R.P. Pandove, Director (Industrial Relations), Punjab State Electricity Board (PSEB) has been appointed Secretary of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (HPERC). Mr Pandove joined the PSEB in 1987 after serving the Pepsu Road Transport Corporation (PRTC) as General Manager. He is also the Secretary of the Patiala Cricket Association.

– *Tribune.* May 27: 4.

Parameswaran, M.P.

Mr. M.P. Parameswaran, one of the founder-leaders of the Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Parishad (KSSP) was expelled from the Communist Party of India (Marxist) on February 15 for his "open rejection of Marxism-Leninsim and the fundamental tenets of the party".

– CPI(M) expels M.P. Parameswaran. *Hindu.* February 16, 2004 : 7.

Parekh, Nagendra

The CBI on August 7 raided the office and the residential premises of the SEBI Chief General Manager (Derivatives) Nagendra Parekh for allegedly amassing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. Assets worth Rs 1.5 crore including four flats at upmarket Andheri and Juhu, incriminating documents apart from cash and jewellery were seized by the CBI sleuths.

– CBI raids SEBI official's residence, office. *Sunday Tribune.* August 8, 2004: 2.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) conducted raids at the properties of Mr. Nagendra Parekh, Chief General Manager (Derivatives) SEBI in Mumbai. The CBI spokesman said on August 9 that it had found more than one crore worth of assets.

– Assets show SEBI chief crorepati. *Tribune.* August 10, 2004 : 20.

Parmar, S.S.

Mr. S.S. Parmar, Principal Secretary, Finance, Himachal Pradesh Government was on April 16 promoted by the State Government as Additional Chief Secretary. He will continue to hold the charge of Finance. Parmar is an IAS officer of 1971 batch.

– Parmar is Addl. Chief Secretary. *Tribune.* April 17, 2004: 9.

Parthasarathy, K.

Mr. K. Parthasarathy has been appointed as Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited, a Government of India undertaking. He was earlier Director (Finance).

– Snippets: New CMD for Hindustan Steelworks. *Hindu.* November 18, 2004: 17.

Pasi, Suresh

Mr. Suresh Pasi, the Bahujan Samaj Party leader and its member in the dissolved Lok Sabha from the Chail Constituency resigned on February 9 from the primary membership of the party owing to differences with the party president, Ms. Mayawati.

– BSP leader resigns. *Hindu.* February 10, 2004 : 3.

Paswan, Ram Vilas

Firmly rejecting JD (U) overtures for an electoral tie-up, LJP Chief Ram Vilas Paswan on November 27 said his party would go it alone in Bihar and Jharkhand poll and warned Congress President Sonia Gandhi against committing "political suicide" by allying with Laloo Prasad-led RJD. "We will contest 243 seats in Bihar and 80 in Jharkhand all alone," Mr Paswan declared at the "Bihar bachao Bihar banao" rally of his Party. The comments come amid attempts by JD(U) leader Nitish Kumar to cobble together an anti-RJD "grand alliance" headed by Mr Paswan.

– Paswan to go it alone in Bihar. *Tribune.* November 28, 2004 : 2.

– Editorial : Laloo-Paswan spat : Accuse in public, deny in Parliament. *Tribune.* December 10, 2004: 10.

– Houses adjourned over Laloo-Paswan spat. *Tribune.* December 10, 2004: 12.

Patekar, Nana

Film Star Nana Patekar on October 9 won the silver medal in the rifle prone (big bore) 300m. event in the 14th G.V. Mavlankar Shooting Championship in Indore. Patekar tallied a score of 514 out of 600.

– Nana Patekar wins silver in shooting. *Sunday Tribune.* October 10, 2004: 22.

Patel, Amisha

Bollywood actress Amisha Patel has sent a legal notice to her father, Mr. Amit Patel to recover Rs. 12 crore in cash and assets. She has accused her father of mismanaging her accounts and squandering away money.

– Amisha Patel sues father. *Tribune.* July 26, 2004: 2.

– Amisha Patel accuses her father of swindling money. *Times of India.* July 26, 2004: 6.

Pathak, Bharat

General Secretary of the Gujarat unit of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) Bharat Pathak, has resigned from his post protesting against party President Sharad Pawar's pre-poll alignment with the Congress. Mr Pathak said on February 2 that he had tendered his resignation to State Party President Sanat Mehta on the ground that he could not be a party to the tie-up with the Congress.

– NCP Gen Secy Pathak resigns. *Tribune.* February 3, 2004: 2.

Pathan, Irfan

Rahul Dravid wins the coveted 'The Player of the Year' and 'The Test Player of the Year' and Irfan Pathan the 'Emerging Player of the Year' in the inaugural ICC Awards ceremony in London on Sept 8. (*Hindu.* Sept 9, 2004)

Patil, Bhimu (Dr)

Dr Bhimu Patil, Associate Professor at the Texas A&M University-Kingsville and Associate Director of the Vegetable and Fruit Improvement Centre, has received the 2004 Outstanding Young Scientist Award from the Division of Agriculture and Food Chemistry. Dr Patil, who received the award at a ceremony in Philadelphia, has credited his accomplished work in citrus, other fruits and vegetable health benefits research to his father who died 15 years ago.

– Outstanding scientist award for Indian. *Tribune.* December 1, 2004: 9.

Patil, Jaisinghrao Gaekwad

Mr. Jaisinghrao Gaekwad Patil the BJP MP in the dissolved Lok Sabha joined the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) on February 16. He proclaimed the NCP Chief Sharad Pawar, as his "only leader".

– Vijapurkar, Mahesh. BJP MP moves to NCP. *Hindu*. February 17, 2004.

Patil, Mangala

Ms. Mangala Patil of Pune has been conferred the Neerja Bhanot Award 2004. The Award consists of Rs. 1,50, 000, a citation and a trophy.

– Neerja Bhanot 'heroines' announced. *Tribune*. September 1, 2004: 3.

Patil, Pratibha Devisingh

Mrs. Pratibha Patil was on November 8 sworn in as the first woman Govenor of Rajasthan. She is the 16th Governor of the State, and succeeds Mr. M.L. Khurana who recently relinquished the gubernatorial office. English daily *Tribune* views Mrs. Patil's appointment as a significant event in the political annals of Rajasthan.

– Pratibha sworn in as Rajasthan Governor. *Tribune*. November 9, 2004: 2.

– Rajasthan gets its first woman Governor. *Hindu*. November 9, 2004: 5.

Patil, R.R.

Maharashtra legistative party leader of NCP, R.R. Patil takes over as the deputy chief minister of Maharashtra. He had bagged the maximum votes after a secret ballot was held to determine the NCP's leader.

– Deshmukh to be CM. *Tribune*. October 30, 2004: 2.

Patil, Shivraj

Shivraj Patil becomes Union Home Minister in the Cabinet of Dr Manmohan Singh on May 23. (*Hindu*. May 24, 2004)

Patnaik, Jagannath

Mr. Jagannath Patnaik, former Orissa Advocate-General was on April 11, elected new Chairman of the Bar Council of India (BCI), the apex body of eight lakh lawyers in the country. He will have a tenure of two years. Mr. Patnaik is in the legal profession since 1968 and is considered an expert in constitutional law, criminal and service matters.

– Patnaik elected BCI chief. *Tribune*. April 13, 2004: 2.

Patnaik, Naveen

Naveen Patnaik is sworn in Orissa Chief Minister for a second consecutive term, heading a 22-member Council of Ministers on May 16. (*Hindu*. May 17, 2004)

Patnaik, Sudarsan

Sudarsan Patnaik has won an international sand sculpture championship in Germany for creating a 25-foot-high statue of Lord Hanuman. Sudarsan Patnaik, a sand artist from Orissa's temple city of Puri was the only Indian representative in the Sandsation Championship in Berlin in the year 2004. Patnaik has been teaching this art in his open-air-school in Puri.

– People: His fame lies in sand. *Tribune.* August 2, 2004: 11.

Paul, Angad

Angad Paul, the youngest son of NRI industrialist Lord Swaraj Paul and Chief Executive of the Caparo Group married Michelle, a solicitor at an artificially erected conservatory in London Zoo on October 10. The marriage was performed as per Hindu and Jewish traditions. Angad has also earned a name in the film industry as the executive producer of 'Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels, 'Snatch', and 'School for Seduction.'

– Rao, H.S. Swaraj Paul's son weds at London Zoo. *Tribune.* October 12, 2004: 9.

NRI industrialist and film maker Angad Paul's non-conventional thriller 'EMR' today won the Jury Prize for the best UK feature film at the 12th London Raindance Film Festival. Angad Paul (34), Chief Executive of Caparo Group founded by his father Lord Swraj Paul, is the executive producer of 'EMR'. The Film was selected from a large number of features at the competition.

– Angad Paul's 'EMR' adjudged best U.K. Feature film. *Tribune.* October 14, 2004: 9.

Paul, Krishan Kant

Mr. Krishan Kant Paul on January 31 assumed charge of the Police Commissioner of Delhi. He took over as the 14th Police Commissioner of Delhi. He said that his thrust areas would be improving the lot of the personnel, proactive policing focussed on prevention besides technological upgradation. He declared that "citizens' first" would be the motto of the police.

– Stay one step ahead of trouble, says new police chief. *Hindu.* February 1, 2004: 3.

Paul Pothen (Padma Shri)

Doyen of India's fertiliser industry and founding Managing Director of Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd. (IFFCO), Padma Shri Paul Pothen (88) passed away at Kochi in Kerala on August 3.

– Briefly : IFFCO ex-MD. *Tribune.* August 5, 2004: 15.

Pawar, Sharad

Sharad Pawar becomes the Union Agricultural Minister in the Cabinet of Dr Manmohan Singh on May 23. (*Hindu.* May 24, 2004)

Following the acrimonious electoral battle, Maharashtra heavyweight Sharad Pawar said he was a victim of "foul play" by the ruling faction and hinted at putting in his strength to change the BCCI constitution that gave the president inordinate and arbitrary power. Mr Pawar lost the electoral battle for the coveted post of President of BCCI to Ranbir Singh Mahendra by 15-16 votes with Jagmohan Dalmiya exercising the casting vote of the President in Mr Mahendra's favour.

– Pawar a victim of foul play. *Tribune.* Sept. 30, 2004: 18.

BJP leader Sushma Swaraj on October 17 denied that she had credited Congress President Sonia Gandhi for the victory in the Mahrashtra Assembly elections and said that NCP Chief Sharad Pawar was the 'Man of the Match'.

– Sushma calls Pawar 'Man of the Match'. *Tribune.* October 18, 2004: 1.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa said on October 17 that the victory of the NCP-Congress combine in the Maharashtra Assembly elections was due to Union Agriculture Minister Sharad Pawar's efforts. She said "The credit for the victory in Maharashtra should go to Mr Pawar."

– Pawar magic worked, says Jayalalithaa. *Tribune.* October 18, 2004: 2.

Pellisserry, Jose

Jose Pellisserry (54), noted cine and mini-screen artiste of South India died at Chalakkudy in Thrissur on December 5. Besides comedy roles, Pellisserry did important roles in several movies like 'Adharam,' 'Nadodikattu,' 'Akasadoodh' and 'Gazal'.

– Briefly : Malayalam actor dead. *Tribune.* December 6, 2004: 2.

Phukan, S.N.

Justice S.N. Phukan, Tehelka probe head said that he would have submitted his report in about three months time.

– Satyanarayanan, S. and Gaurav Choudhary. I would have submitted report in 3 months: Phukan. *Tribune.* October 8, 2004: 20.

– Inquiry as tool: Tehelka probe was to shoot the messenger. *Tribune.* October 6, 2004: 10.

Pillay, Dhanraj

Mercurial forward Dhanraj Pillay, hoping to play in a record fourth Olympics in August, has expressed confidence that he would be selected in the Indian hockey team to play the Athens games. "As long as I am fit and playing well, I am confident I will be selected. I assure you that I am 100 per cent fit and the training in the USA has benefitted me immensely. I feel fitter, my speed has improved and I have also regained some lost strength," he said. Pillay, whose omission from the first probables list created a big controversy, was recalled into the Olympic probables.

– Pillay confident of selection. *Tribune.* June 28, 2004: 19.

Popat, Aparna

Chetan Anand and Aparna Popat emerge triumphant in the National singles badminton championship in Hyderabad on Jan 22. (*Hindu.* Jan 23, 2004)

Prabhjinder Singh alias Dimpy

Prabhjinder Singh alias Dimpy, alleged to be one of the top gangsters of the country, was on October 16 remanded in police custody by a Judicial Magistrate in Rampura Phul, Bhatinda in connection with a murder case.

– Police remand for Dimpy. *Sunday Tribune.* October 17, 2004: 5.

Pradeep Singh

Mr Pradeep Singh has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Finland in succession to Mr O.P. Gupta, the MEA spokesman said.

– *Tribune.* November 5, 2004: 2.

Prakash Amritraj

Wild card Prakash Amritraj went down fighting to unseeded Frenchman Therry Ascione 6-3, 1-6, 2-6 ending the Indian challenge in the ATP world tour 2004 Tata Open at the Nungambakkam Stadium in Chennai on January 8. The US-born Prakash, who has settled down in India now to graduate to play for his home country, seemed to be justifying his wild card entry into the ATP Tour opener this year. For some time on the centre court, 20-year-old son of former ace Vijay had everyone spell-bound.

– Prakash loses. *Tribune.* January 9, 2004 : 17.

Pratima Kumari

Indian weight lifter, 28-year-old, Pratima Kumari was provisionally suspended by the International Weightlifting Federation, (I.W.F.) following her failure to pass the dope test at the Athens Olympics. The IWF informed the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) about the positive test of Pratima Kumari for testosterone on August 16. Pratima was scheduled to compete in the 63-kg category.

– Pratima Kumari suspended on doping charges. *Hindu.* August 20, 2004 : 18.

– Prabhjot Singh. Pratima, Chanu fail drug test. *Tribune.* August 20, 2004: 1.

– Editorial: Doping Shame : Buck passing won't do. *Tribune.* August 21, 2004: 10.

Weightlifter Pratima Kumari banned for life by the Indian Olympic Assocation (IOA) and the Indian Weightlifting Federation on October 14, filed a writ petition in the Delhi High Court, seeking cancellation of ban, a judicial investigation into the doping episode and damages to the tune of Rs. 5 crores.

– Pratima moves Delhi HC against life ban. *Hindu.* October 15, 2004: 19.

– Pratima case: Delhi HC issues notices. *Hindu.* October 17, 2004: 18.

Premji, Azim

Wipro chairman, Mr. Azim Premji tops the list of nine Indians who have found a place in the Forbes magazine's list of world billionaries. Premji occupies the 58th position with a networth of $6.7 billion. The nine Indians who have found a place in the list of billionaries worldwide this year are together worth $31.9 billion.

– Digest: Rich Indians. *Hindu.* February 28, 2004: 1, 12, 15.

Mr. Azim Premji (Wipro), Mukesh Ambani (Reliance) and Nandan Nilekani (Infosys) are the three Indian corporate heads who have been chosen as "the Most Powerful People in Business in Asia's Power 25 list." According to the latest issue of *Fortune*. Premji has been ranked 10th while Ambani is 13th and Nilekani 23rd.

– Premji, Ambani among 3 Indians in Asia's Power-25. *Hindustan Times.* August 2, 2004: 1.

– In brief: Premji in Power list. *Hindu*. August 2, 2004: 1.

Quality is like integrity and therefore non-negotiable, says the Wipro Chairman, Azim Premji, in his inaugural address at the CII's 12th Annual quality smmit, in Bangalore on Nov. 25. (*Hindu.* Nov. 26, 2004)

Prem Kumar, K.

Kancheepuram Superintendent of Police, K. Prem Kumar, in charge of investigation against Jayendra Saraswathi Shankaracharya does not have clean record. "The person who has been in charge of the investigation has a questionable background. That has to be gone into. Strictures have been passed on him by the (Madras) High Court," Mr Singhal told presspersons. He was convicted by an additional sessions court in Madurai in two cases in July 2003, under Sections 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt) and 355 (assault or criminal force with intent to dishonour person, otherwise than on grave provocation) of the Indian Penal Code. The High Court, holding Mr. Prem Kumar responsible for inordinate delay in the trial before the Madurai court, imposed a fine of Rs. 10,000 on him and asked him to pay it to the Gandhi Museum, Madurai.

- Singhal questions credential of Kancheepuram S.P. *Hindu*. December 3, 2004: 9.

Prem Kumar, R.M.

Mr R.M. Prem Kumar, a senior IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre, has been appointed as the Textile Secretary in place of Mr Habibullah. Mr Prem Kumar was the Chairman of Food Corporation of India.

- Prem Kumar is new Textile Secretary. *Tribune*. December 1, 2004: 2.

Mr. R.M. Premkumar an IAS officer of 1968 batch took over as the new Chief Secretary of Maharashtra in Mumbai, on December 8. Earlier he was Chairman of FCI. He is the 29th officer to hold the top post.

- Briefly : New M'rashtra Chief Secy. *Tribune*. December 9, 2004: 2.

Prithpal Singh

BSNL CMD Prithipal Singh, whose tenure saw the state-owned TELCO going cellular and giving fierce competition to private players, has retired and Mr V.P. Sinha has taken charge of the top post of the company in New Delhi on January 1. Mr Sinha will serve as BSNL CMD in addition to his present post of Director (Planning and News Services).

- New BSNL CMD. *Tribune*. January 2, 2004: 13.

Puri, Om

Actor Om Puri has been conferred an award of an honorary officer of the Order of the British Empire by the British Crown. The honour was conferred by the Queen "in recognition of Puri's outstanding services to the film industry".

- Top British honour for Om Puri. *Times of India*. July 24, 2004: 9.
- In brief: Award of Om Puri. *Hindu*.

Puri, Vijay Kumar

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on February 6 filed a chargesheet against the Commissioner, Central Excise (Cochin) Mr. Vijay Kumar PuUri, his wife and an Indore-based jeweller under various Sections of the IPC. Puri has been charged with possessing disproportionate assets to the tune of Rs. 1.3 crores.

- CBI files chargesheet against Excise Commissioner. *Hindu*. February 7, 2004 : 4.

Purushothaman, Vakkom

The Kerala Assembly on February 4 rejected a motion moved by the

Opposition Left Democratic Front (LDF) seeking the removal of the Speaker, Vakkom Purushothaman, for want of majority. The Opposition could not secure the sufficient numbers to carry the motion through. Opposition charged him with actively participating in political activities.

– Kerala: House rejects motion for Speaker's removal. *Hindu.* February 5, 2004: 7.

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Qasim, Mir

Mir Qasim, former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister died at the Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in New Delhi on Dec. 12. (*Hindu.* Dec. 13, 02004)

Qureshi, Abdul Wahid (Prof.)

Prof. Abdul Wahid Qureshi has taken over as the new Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kashmir. Prof Qureshi intends to take the varsity to new heights by improving the quality of research, making teachers accountable and enforcing student discipline.

– Bukhari, Shujaat. New V-C promises to take varsity to new heights. *Hindu.* December 27, 2004 : 5.

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Radhakrishnan, S.

Mr. S. Radhakrishnan took over as the Chairman and CEO of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited on November 6. The appointment was approved by the RBI and is for two years. Mr. Radhakrishnan holds considerable experience in the banking sector and has served at senior positions with the Indian Bank and the Indian Overseas Bank.

– In brief: TMB's new Chairman. *Hindu.* November 13, 2004: 15.

Raghu

Raghu, younger brother of the Junior Sankaracharya of the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, Vijayendra Saraswathi, is arrested in connection with the Sankararaman murder case on Dec 30. (*Hindu.* Dec 31, 2004)

Raghuvar Das

Jharkhand Minister Raghuvar Das has been appointed as new State unit President of the Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP). He succeeds Mr. Abhay Kant Prasad, whose three-year tenure had come to an end. Assembly elections in the State are slated for early in the year 2005.

– Raghuvar Das is new BJP chief in Jharkhand. *Tribune.* July 26, 2004: 20

– BJP changes Jharkhand unit president. *Hindu.* July 26, 2004: 11.

Raha, Subir

ONGC Chief Subir Raha has bagged the SCOPE award for excellence and outstanding contribution to the public sector management for the year 2002-03. Raha, considered to be the man behind turning around the company into a major success story, gets a gold plaque and Rs 1,00,000 in cash in recognition of his services, SCOPE Director General said.

– ONGC chief. *Tribune.* January 14, 2004 : 15.

Rahul alias Raosahib

Rahul alias Raosahib, a convict from Maharashtra in the rape and murder of a four-year-old girl got relief from the Supreme Court when the Apex Court converted his death sentence into life imprisonment on August 17. Rahul was awarded death sentence by a Pune Sessions Judge in 1999, which was subsequently confirmed by the Bombay High Court. The SC verdict assumes importance as it comes within-a-week of its rejecting the plea of Kolkata's Dhananjoy Chatterjee in an almost identical case.

– SC commutes death sentence in minor's rape, murder case. *Tribune.* August 19, 2004: 1.

Rahul Gopal

Mr. Rahul Gopal, an IPS officer of the 1971-batch who was serving as Managing Director of Maharashtra Police Housing and Welfare Corporation, was arrested on December 20, by the State Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB). He was remanded in police custody till December 24.

– Police remand for suspended DGP. *Tribune.* December 22, 2004: 20.

– Additional DGP suspended. *Hindu.* December 22, 2004: 11.

Rai, Aishwarya

Bollywood actress Aishwarya Rai has been voted the most attractive woman in the world in an international online poll conducted by the "Hello" magazine. Rai (30), who received some 33 per cent of the votes in the poll conducted by www.hellomagazine.com to select the most attractive face of 2003, beat upcoming actress Keira Knightley and Oscar winners Nicole Kidman and Catherine Zeta-Jones to notch the top spot. The green-eyed beauty was the first Indian actress to sit in the jury of the Cannes Film Festival in 2003 and is now set to star opposite Oscar-winning actress Meryl Streep in the thriller "Chaos".

– Aishwarya voted most attractive woman. January 18, 2004: 1.

Former Miss World and Bollywood star Aishwarya Rai will shortly find a place in the internationally-acclaimed London-based Madame Tussauds' waxwork museum which features wax models of legendary personalities from across the world.

– Aishwarya finds place in 'House of Wax'. *Tribune.* September 8, 2004: 2.

Former Miss World Aishwarya Rai and Bollywood heart throb Hrithik Roshan have been voted as the sexiest Indian actress and actor in the 2004 Durex Global Sex Survey claimed to be the world's biggest-ever sex survey.

– Aishwarya, Hrithik sexiest Indians. *Tribune.* October 12, 2004: 2.

Rai, Gulshan

Renowned Bollywood producer, Gulshan Rai (82) passed away in Mumbai on October 11. Rai produced the blockbusters like 'Deewar' and 'Trishul'.

– Briefly: Producer Gulshan Rai dead. *Tribune.* October 12, 2004: 2.

Rai, Mangla (Dr)

Dr. Mangla Rai, the D.G. of the ICAR and Secretary, Department of Agriculture Research and Education said on November 23, that the next phase of green revolution is possible only through the judicious application of biotechnology. Dr Rai said microbiology had immense potential globally and scientists should look for new frontiers for generating technologies for the welfare of the mankind through biotechnology. He said microbial genes had been identified and inserted into crop seeds to produce high yielding insect resistance crops such as BT cotton.

– Only biotechnology can usher in Green Revolution: Rai. *Tribune.* November 25, 2004: 6.

Rai, Narad

Non-bailable warrants were issued by a Ballia court on September 29 against Mr. Narad Rai, the State Urban Development Minister and others in a 17-year old case. Rai and others have been charged with allegedly damaging government property during a student's demostration in 1987.

– Briefly: Warrants against Minister. *Hindu.* October 1, 2004: 3.

Raj, Krishna

Krishna Raj (67), noted economist and the Editor of the *Economic and Political Weekly* died, in his sleep in Mumbai Jan 16. (*Hindu.* Jan 17, 2004)

Raj Kumar

Constable Raj Kumar of the Jammu and Kashmir Police has been awarded posthumously the Shaurya Chakra, a gallantry award rarely awarded to para-military or police forces. He was killed while accompanying Rashtriya Rifles personnel in a fierce encounter in Poonch district. Acting as a pathfinder for the Army personnel, he led the Army column to the dense jungle hideout of Pakistani mercenaries and took part in an operation that killed a mercenary.

– J&K cop gets Shaurya Chakra. *Tribune.* January 26, 2004: 16.

Rajan, Y.S.

Mr Y.S. Rajan, Vice-Chancellor of Punjab Technical University (PTU) has taken over as chairman of the National Initiative on Engineering Experimentation (NIEE), a programme launched by All-India Council of Technical Education.

– Dr Rajan takes over as chief of AICTE programme. *January.* 17, 2004: 6.

Rajasekhara Reddy, Y.S.

The Congress leader, Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, is sworn in Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, in Hyderabad on May 14. (*Hindu.* May 15, 2004)

Rajendra Babu, S.

Justice S. Rajendra Babu is sworn in the 34th Chief Justice of India at a ceremony in the Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on May 2. (*Hindu.* May 2, 2004)

Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav

Lok Janshakti Party leader and former MP Rajesh Ranjan was on July 20 shifted to Beur Central Jail by the Patna police from the Patna Medical College Hospital following a Supreme Court directive to this effect.

- Pappu Yadav shifted to jail hospital. *Tribune.* July 22, 2004: 2.

RJD candidate for the byelections to the Madhepura Lok Sabha constituency, Rajesh Ranjan on October 5 surrendered before the court of designated CBI judge and was sent to the Beur Jail in connection with the Ajit Sarkar murder case.

- Pappu Yadav sent to Beur jail. *Tribune.* Oct. 6, 2004: 20.

Controversial former MP Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav on October 16 won the bypoll for the Madhepur Parliamentary constituency by defeating his nearest JD-U rival R.P. Yadav by a margin of 2,08,860 votes. He had switched over to the RJD to contest the Lok Sabha byelection after parting company with the Lok Janshakti Party.

- Pappu Yadav wins from Madhepura. *Sunday Tribune.* Oct. 17, 2004: 2.

The Supreme Court on December 14 asked the CBI to name some other prison where the RJD M.P. Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav could be shifted. The Supreme Court expressed grave concern over the helplessness of the jail officials in making him follow the jail rules.

- Find new jail for Pappu Yadav, SC directs CBI. *Tribune.* December 15, 2004: 2.

Rajeshwar, T.V.

The President appoints T.V. Rajeshwar as the Governor of Uttar Pradesh on July 5. (*Hindu.* July 6, 2004)

Raju

The two Punjab girls Raju (25) and Mala (22) were considerably in news for a fortnight or more for marrying each other. They had eloped on November 27 and gone to New Delhi where they got married in a temple. After hearing the plan of the two girls the court of duty magistrate allowed the lesbian couple to live together.

- Raju, Mala can live together, says court. *Tribune.* December 11, 2004: 5.
- Girls who married each other brought home. *Tribune.* December 10, 2004: 4.

Raju, Venkatapathi

Former Test spinner Venkatapathi Raju on December 15 announced his retirement from first class cricket. He made his Test debut against New Zealand in 1989-90, played 53 Tests and took 93 wickets with 6 for 12 being his best.

– Raju announces retirement. *Tribune.* Dec. 16, 2004: 19.

Ram Singh, Dr

Former principal of the Baring Union Christian College, Batala, Dr Ram Singh passed away at Hartford on October 1. He was 84. Born at Piplanwalla in Hoshiarpur district, Dr Ram Singh studied at Saharanpur Theological College and Allahabad University from where he received degrees in philosophy and psychology. He did his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina. He returned to India in 1953 with his bride Nancy van Zelm. He started the department of sociology at Bishop College, Nagpur. In 1957, he was invited by the Rockefeller Foundation to direct a field study of village sanitation under the aegis of Christian Medical College, Ludhiana.

The next year, Dr Ram Singh became Principal of the Baring Union Christian College, Batala, Punjab. Over the next 17 years, he contributed immensely to the development of the College. He was instrumental in the opening of a children's school and the Christan Institute for the Study of Sikh Religion and Culture, designed to further the appreciation of Sikh history, scriptures and spirituality. In 1983, he became the Director of the Institute for Development Education in Chennai, which included the Interfaith Movement for Human Solidarity. Dr Ram Singh was thrilled with one accomplishment above all: a small mobile library he established to serve the villages surrounding Baring College. An open slated wooden wagon trailer hitched to his car, it was loaded with paperbacks in English, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu and was greeted with gusto by villagers, young and old. Borrowers were not strictly held to return the books but were encouraged to pass them around. Dr Ram Singh leaves behind his wife and two sons Mohinder (Michael) and Rajinder (Raj) and their families and his younger brother Mr Sita Ram of New Delhi.

– A theologist turned educationist. *Tribune.* October 28, 2004: 4.

Rama Jois, M.

Mr. M. Rama Jois the Bihar Governor, on October 28, submitted his resignation to President "at his own sweet will" and in exercise of his powers under the Indian Constitution.

– Briefly : Bihar Governor resigns. *Tribune.* October 29, 2004 : 1.

Ramachandran, R.

Mr. R. Ramachandran (74), Chairman of T.V. Sundaram Iyengar and Sons Limited passed away in Madurai on December 24. He is remembered as a perfectionist, philanthropist, and affable humane person.

– TVS & Sons Chairman R. Ramachandran dead. *Hindu.* December 25, 2004 :11.

Ramakrishna, K.

Mr. K. Ramakrishna has taken over as the executive director of the Bank of Baroda.

– PNB ED. *Tribune.* September 1, 2004: 19.

Ramakrishna, K.

K. Ramakrishna, the Director of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) was arrested in Hyderabad on November 24 while allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs., 20,000. He was arrested by the CBI.

– Briefly : Hyderabad AAI Director nabbed. *Tribune.* Nov. 26, 2004: 2.

Ramakrishnan, Therambil

Senior Congress leader Therambil Ramakrishnan, is elected Kerala Assembly Speaker on Sept. 16. (*Hindu.* Sept. 17, 2004)

Ramamohan Rao, P.S.

Ending a month-long controversy, Tamil Nadu Governor P.S. Ramamohan Rao on October 29 sent in his resignation to the President, after the Union Home Ministry sent signals to him that he was no more wanted and the Supreme Court declined to stay his removal or transfer. Though Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa made many moves to retain him, including moving the Supreme Court till a few hours before he quit, Mr Rao wanted his resignation to be accepted with effect from November 2. Mr Rao was accused of being partial towards the ruling party and that he ignored the "deteriorating law and order situation". He was accused of turning a blind eye to the ruling party's alleged violation of Constitutional norms in the conduct of the Assembly and in promulgating ordinances and giving assent to Bills. The AIADMK had alleged that Mr Rao's removal was imminent, as the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), a constituent of ruling UPA at the Centre, wanted him removed immediately.

– Tamil Nadu Governor quits. *Tribune.* October 30, 2004:2.

Ramanna, Raja

Raja Ramanna (79) doyen of India's nuclear programme died at a Mumbai Hospital on Sept. 24. (*Hindu.* Sept. 25, 2004)

Ramdas, L. (Admiral)

Admiral L. Ramdas, former Chief of Naval Staff along with Pakistani journalist Ibn Abdur Rehman has been awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award 2004 for Peace and International Understanding. Both Admiral Ramdas and Rehman, are co-chairmen of the Pakistan-India Peoples' Forum for Peace and Democracy.

- Briefly: Magsaysay Award for Ramdas. *Tribune.* August 3, 2004: 1.
- Swarup, Harihar. Profile: His peace efforts bear fruit. *Sunday Tribune.* August 8, 2004: 13.

Ramesh Kumar (Dr.)

Dr. Ramesh Kumar, Principal of MLN College, Yamunanagar , has been elected President of the Haryana Non-Government Colleges Principals' Association. Ms. Neelam Kamra, Principal, DAV College , Karnal, has been elected as Vice-President. The Association is representing 168 Colleges. Mr.S.S.Garg of Aggarwal College, Balabhagarh, and Dr. I.S.Lakhlan of Jat College, Hisar, have been elected General Secretary and Finance Secretary respectively.

- Ramesh Kumar is Chief of college principals' *body. Tribune.* October 14, 2004: 7.

Rana, Abhishek

Abhishek Rana of Punjab created a new national record in the juniors' one km time trial event while Inder Kumar Singh (Railways) and Rejani (Kerala) won gold in the individual time trial event of the BSA National Track Cycling Championship in Hyderabad on November 23. Abhishek Rana clocked 1 minute 12.14 seconds to finish the one km course with a display of fine technique and control over speed, which enabled him to erase the previous record of 1 minute 12.65 seconds.

- National record. *Tribune.* November 24, 2004: 18.

Rana, Sher Singh

Following the sensational escape of Sher Singh Rana, prime accused in the Phoolan Devi murder case from the high-security Tihar jail in Delhi, the jail authorities have undertaken a major reshuffle and have transferred about 80 jail personnel.

- Massive shake-up at Tihar but no trace of Rana. *Hindu.* February 10, 2004 : 1, 3.

Sher Singh Rana, main accused in the murder of Phoolan Devi, escaped from the Tihar Jail in New Delhi on Feb 17. (*Hindu.* Feb. 18, 2004)

- Phoolan murder accused excapes form Tihar : Whisked away at dawn by imposter in police uniform. *Hindu.* February 18, 2004: 1.

Randhawa, Jyoti

Ace golfer Jyoti Randhawa on December 12 won the $550,000 Volve Masters Asia 2004 Tournament in Kuala Lumpur. He fired 14-under 274 beating Terry Pilkadaris of Australia in the play off.

- Randhawa wins volvo masters. *Tribune.* December 13, 2004: 18.

Rangarajan, C. (Prof.)

Economist C. Rangarajan was on December 29 appointed Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council of the Prime Minister with Cabinet rank. Rangarajan, a former Reserve Bank Governor and Andhra Pradesh Governor, had recently submitted to President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam the 12th Finance Commission report on Devolution of Resources from Centre to States for 2005-10.

- Rangarajan to head Economic Advisory Council. *Tribune.* December 30, 2004 : 17.
- In brief : Economic panel chief. *Hindu.* December 30, 2004: 1, 13.

Raninder Singh

Rejecting the special inquiry ordered by Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh into the charges against his son, Mr Raninder Singh, under the Commission of Inquiry Act, the SAD President Mr Parkash Singh Badal, said on January 1that it should be conducted by either the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence or the CBI. "No other agency would be able to conduct an inquiry into this money-laundering case as the only competent agency was either the CBI or DRI as this case has international dimensions," asserted Mr Badal.

"The Chief Minister had made a statement on the floor of the Punjab Assembly that he would order a CBI inquiry as and when any documentary proof was made available regarding any misdeed of his Government. But now as the Chief Minister's son was involved in a hawala scandal and there was enough proof against him, the Chief Minister was going back on the promise", said Mr Badal.

- Badal rejects special inquiry. Charges against Amarinder's son. *Tribune.* January 2, 2004: 5.

Ranjana Kumar

Ranjana Kumar Chairperson, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) was conferred the Professional Manager of the

Year Award by the Union Finance Minister, Mr. Jaswant Singh in Mumbai on February 19.

– Jaswant tells entrepreneurs to ventine out. *Hindu.* February 20, 2004: 15.

Rao, C.S.

Mr. C.S. Rao was on July 26 appointed as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Lucent Technologies. He replaces Vincent J. Mazzola.

– In brief: New President for Lucent India. *Hindu.* July 27, 2004: 14.

Rao, K. Keshava

Mr K. Keshava Rao, an ex-minister has been appointed as the President of the Andhra Pradesh Congress Party on October 30, 2004.

– Keshav Rao is Andhra Cong Chief. *Tribune.* October 31, 2004: 2.

Senior Congress leader Mr. K. Keshava Rao was appointed the President of the Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee on October 30. He is a backward class leader. A former journalist, Rao also served as Deputy Chairman of the Legislative Council.

– Keshava Rao appointed PCC chief. *Hindu.* October 31, 2004: 6.

Rao, K. Narasimha

Mr. K. Narasimha Rao, an IPS officer was arrested on February 9 by the Andhra Pradesh Stamps Investigation Team on the charge of being involved in fake stamp paper racket in Hyderabad. Cases were registered against him under the AP Control of Organised Crime Act (APCOCA).

– Stamp scam: IPS officer remanded. *Hindu.* February 11, 2004: 6.

Rao, Nirupama

Ms. Nirupama Rao, was appointed as India's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka on July 7. She was serving as Additional Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.

– Briefly: Nirupama is envoy to Lanka. *Tribune.* July 8, 2004: 1.

Rao, Prabha

Former AICC General Secretary, Prabha Rao, took over as the Chief of the Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee on June 27 in Mumbai, replacing Mr Ranjit Deshmukh.

– Prabha Rao new MPCC chief. *Tribune.* 28, 2004: 2.

Rao, U.R. (Prof.)

Professor U.R. Rao, former Chairman of ISRO and presently Chairman of the Research Council of Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad is among the top 10 international personalities who have made a difference in civil, commerce and military utilization of space since 1989, according to *the Space News*, a popular space weekly published from the US. The weekly in its August 23, 2004 issue regarded Rao as the man who guided India to the status of a major space power.

– Briefly: Prof. U.R. Rao among top 10. *Tribune.* September 1, 2004: 2.

Rastogi, Karan

Wild card entrant Karan Rastogi of India made an ignominious exit losing in straight sets to qualifier Julian Knowle of Austria 4-6, 1-6 as top three seeds advanced into the second round without much difficulty in the ATP 2004 World Tour Tata Open Tennis Championships at the Nungambakkam Stadium in Chennai on January 7, 2004.

– Karan Rastgi crashes out. *Tribune.* January 7, 2004: 16.

Rastogi, Viren

According to media reports, Mr. Viren Rastogi and Anand Jain are the two suspected Indian scamsters in UK who are at the centre of the investigations into a $400 million fraud. Duo are working as the mobile phone salesmen. A court has ordered the two to repay creditors £164 million following the fraud at RBG Resources, a London-based international metals trading firm they controlled until it went bust two years ago. All kinds of assets controlled by Mr. Rastogi and Mr. Jain have been frozen.

– 2 Indians facing fraud charges turn phone agents. *Tribune.* July 27, 2004 : 9.

Rathore, Rajyavardhan Singh, Major

Major Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore wins the Shooting World Cup in Sydney on March 4. (*Hindu.* March 5, 2004)

Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, on August 17 won the silver medal in the men's double trap shooting final at the Markopoulo Shooting Centre in Athens. He became the country's first individual Olympic silver medallist since Independence. Thirtyfour-old Rathore belongs to Jaiselmar, Rajasthan and is a graduate of National Defence Academy.

– Prabhjot Singh. Rathore wins historic silver. *Tribune.* August 18, 2004: 1.

– Nation celebrates Rathore's silver medal win. *Tribune.* Aug. 18, 2004: 17.

– Editorial: Silver streak: Rathore does what a billion Indians prayed for. *Tribune.* August 19, 2004: 10.

– Rajastahan CM announces award for Rathore. *Tribune.* August 19, 2004 : 18.

– Srinivasan, Kamesh. Major Rathore does India proud. *Hindu.* August 18, 2004: 20.

Major Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore reclaimed the double trap title beating defending champion Moraad Ali Khan with an impressive score of 183 in the 48th National Shotgun Shooting Championship at the Karni Singh Range in Tughlakabad in Delhi on November 27.

– Rathore reclaims double trap title. *Hindu.* November 28, 2004: 17.

Raval, Kirit

Kirit Raval the Solicitor-General of India has tendered his resignation with United Progressive Alliance assuming power at the Centre to enable the new Government to appoint a Solicitor-General of India of their choice. It is as per convention.

– *Tribune.* May 26: 2.

Ravi Raj

Ravi Raj, a student of geophysics at I.I.T. Kharagpur was remanded to police custody on December 16 for three days. He was arrested for allegedly transmitting the infamous Delhi Public School (DPS), R.K. Puram sex clip through the internet.

– Sex clip scandal : Police remand for I.I.T. student. *Tribune.* December 17, 2004: 2.

– Editorial : Reality bytes : Teach youngsters to act responsibly. *Tribune.* December 20, 2004: 10.

Ravi Raj was released from Tihar Jail on December 29.

– Video Clip case: accused gets bail. *Hindu.* December 31, 2004: 3.

Ravi Shankar

'Bharat Ratna' sitar maestro Ravi Shankar can now travel by train anywhere in the country without paying a paise: he received a first class complementary card pass from the Railways on January 2. The pass was presented at the artiste's residence this morning by Mr S.M. Singla, Member Staff Railway Board. The octogenarian maestro can now travel on all trains including the Rajdhani and Shatabdi along with a companion in the same class. Earlier in August, Shehnai maestro Ustad Bismilah Khan had received a similar pass from Railway Minister Nitish Kumar.

– Railway pass for Ravi Shankar. *Tribune.* January 3, 2004: 2.

Rawat, Harak Singh

Former Revenue Minister of Uttaranchal, Mr. Harak Singh Rawat, on July

24 finally got a clean chit by a CBI court. Assamese woman, Indira Deuri alias Jenny had charged Rawat with raping her and fathering her child which led to his stepping down from the ministerial berth.

– Rawat finally gets clean chit. *Tribune.* July 24, 2004: 2.

Razi, Sibtey

Syed Sibtey Razi has been appointed Govenor of Jharkhand. He succeeds Mr Ved Prakash Marwah whose term is expiring.

– Sibtey Razi Jharkhand Governor. *Tribune.* December 3, 2004: 2.

Reddy, Bollampally Subhashan (Justice)

The Chief Justice of the Madras High Court, Justice Bollampally Subhashan Reddy has been transferred and posted as the Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court. He has been directed to take up his new assignment on or before December 1.

– Chief Justice of Madras High Court transferred. *Hindu.* November 18, 2004: 12.

Justice Bollampally Subhashan Reddy was sworn-in as the Chief Justice of Kerala High Court at a simple ceremony at the Raj Bhavan on November 21. Governor R.L. Bhatia administered the oath of office and secrecy to Justice Reddy.

– Kerala Chief Justice sworn in. *Tribune.* Nov. 22, 2004:2.

Reddy, Jeevan

Mr. Jeevan Reddy, former Supreme Court judge will head a five-member committee to review the provisions of the controversial Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act 1958 in force in Manipur. Reddy is also a former Chairman of the Law Commission. The committee has been given a period of six months to submit its report.

– Justice Reddy to head panel on Manipur Act. *Tribune.* November 20, 2004: 2.

Reddy, P. Ramasubba

Former Telugu Desam Minister, P. Ramasubba Reddy was sentended to life imprisonment along with seven others by a Session Judge in Hyderabad on December 22 for the murder of two Congress leaders in Shadnagar of Mahabubnagar district.

– Former Minister, 7 others get life-term. *Hindu.* December 23, 2004: 6.

– Life imprisonment for TDP minister, 7 others. *Times of India.* December 23, 2004: 7.

Reddy, Shilpa

Shilpa Reddy won the Mrs. India 2004 Contest in the Finals held in Mumbai on December 4.

- *Tribune*. December 6, 2004 : 2.

Rodrigues, S.F., General (Retd.)

Former Army Chief General S.F. Rodrigues was on November 8 appointed Governor of Punjab. General Rodrigues was the Chief of Army Staff from July 1990 to June 1993. He succeeded Mr O.P. Verma.

- General Rodrigues is Punjab Governor. *Tribune*. Nov. 9, 2004 : 1, 6.
- Vijay Mohan. General Rodrigues — a profile. *Tribune*. November 9, 2004 : 6.
- Banerjee, Ajay. A surprise, says Gen. Rodrigues. *Tribune*. November 9, 2004 : 6.
- In brief: New governor. *Hindu*. November 9, 2004: 1.
- Rodrigues sworn in Punjab Governor. *Tribune*. November 17, 2004: 5.

According to the media reports, the new Governor has decided to dispense with the services of his Legal Advisor Dr. H.C. Modi, as he does not feel the need of any legal advisor.

- Prabhjot Singh. Rodrigues removes Legal Advisor. *Tribune*. November 23, 2004: 14.

Routray, Sachidananda

Sachidananda Routray (89), poet and Jnanpith awardee died in Cuttack on Aug. 21 (*Hindu*. Aug. 22, 2004)

Roy, B.K., Justice

Taking note of government's objection to transfer of Punjab and Haryana High Court Chief Justice B.K. Roy to Patna High Court, the Collegium of Judges headed by Chief Justice of India R.C. Lahoti has recommended his transfer as Chief Justice to Gauhati High Court.

- Justice Roy recommended for Gauhati HC. *Tribune*. November 29, 2004: 2.

Roy, Chandan

Mr Chandan Roy took over as Director (Operations) of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Ltd. from January 1. Prior to this, he was heading the National Capital Region of NTPC as Executive Director.

- NTPC chief. *Tribune*. January 2, 2004: 13.

Roy, Nirupa

Veteran Bollywood actress Nirupa Roy (73) died in Mumbai on October 13. She had acted in over 190 films including many blockbusters in a career spanning in over five decades.

– In brief: Nirupa Roy dead. *Hindu.* October 15, 2004: 1.

Roy, Prannoy (Dr.)

Dr. Prannoy Roy, the President of NDTV and a distinguished media personality was on December 6 presented with the Award for Excellence in Journalism by the President, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam at a function in New Delhi. The award comprises a memento and a cash component of Rs. 2 lakhs.

– Bhatnagar, Gaurav Vivek. IPI honour for Prannoy Roy. *Hindu.* December 7, 2004: 22.

Roy, Santosh Mohan

Rajasthani poetess Santosh Mohan Roy is among 22 presented with Sahitya Akademi award for 2003 on Feb 24. (*Hindu.* Feb. 25, 2004)

Roy, Shushanto

Shushanto Roy and Seemanto Roy - scions of the multibillion-dollar Sahra business group and sons of Sahara group chairman Subroto Roy were married in the second week of February. Mr. Shushanto was married to Richa Ahuja on February 10 and his younger brother Seemanto Roy was married to Chandni Singh on February 14. The marriage ceremony was organised at the sprawling 120-hectare venue in Lucknow. Bollywood filmstars, political leaders and business tycoons were among the 10500 guests who attended the marriage ceremonies.

– Bollywood shuts down as stars attend mega wedding. *Hindu.* February 13, 2004 : 20.

Rudy, Rajiv Pratap

Civil Aviation Minister Mr. Rajiv Pratap Rudy was in the centre of a controversy over non-paymet of his hotel bills approximately Rs.250,000/- which he ran up during his five-day stay in a hotel in Goa over New Years' eve between December 30, 2003 and January 3, 2004. Following strong media criticism, Rudy pointed out that he held a meeting of the AAI at the Goa airport and that was part of "official work". Lata Mr. Rudy agreed to pay the personal part" of the bill.

– Rudy will pay his own hotel bill: BJP. *Hindu.* February 10, 2004: 11.

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Sahai, Suman (Dr)

Dr Suman Sahai won the prestigious Borlaug Award for her dedication in organising the geno campaign and for promoting scientific awareness.

– Borlaug award for Subba Rao, Suman Sahai. *Tribune.* January 31, 2004 : 1.

Sahani, K.M.

Mr K.M. Sahani IAS has been posted as Labour Secretary. He replaces Dr. P.W. Shenoy following latter's retirement on August 31.

– K.M. Sahani is new Labour Secretary. *Tribune.* September 1, 2004: 2.

Mr. K.M. Sahani, IAS has taken over as Labour Secretary on September 1. He succeeds Dr. P.D. Shenoy following his retirement on August 31.

– K.M. Sahani is new Labour Secretary. *Tribune.* September 2, 2004: 2.

Sahani, Kidar Nath

Kidar Nath Sahani was dismissed as Governor of Goa by the Centre on July 2. (*Hindu.* July 3, 2004)

Saharya, A.B. (Justice)

The POTA Review Committee Chairman, Justice A.B. Saharya submitted his resignation to the President on October 7 citing personal reason for quitting the post.

– Briefly: Saharya quits as POTA panel chief. *Tribune.* October 8, 2004: 1.

Saini, Mehar Singh (Dr)

Dr Mehar Singh Saini will be the new Chairman of the Haryana Public Service Commission. He will be sworn in by the Governor, Dr A.R. Kidwai, in Chandigarh on December 1.

– M.S. Saini chairman of HPSC. *Tribune.* Dec.1, 2004: 7.

Haryana Governor, A.R. Kidwai, administered the oath of office and secrecy to Mehar Singh Saini as Chairman and Santosh Singh as Member of the Haryana Public Service Commission at a simple ceremony at Haryana Raj Bhavan in Chandigarh on Dec 1. The Chief Minister, Om Prakash Chautala, his Cabinet colleagues, and the Speaker of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha, Satbir Singh Kadian, were among those present on the occasion. It may be recalled that K.C. Banger had resigned as the Chairman of the Haryana

Public Service Commission on November 30. Dr. Saini is a Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery from Sri Krishana Ayurvedic College, Kurukshetra, with 20 years' experience in the field of medicine. He has also held the office of President, Municipal Council, Kaithal, with additional charge of Town Improvement Trust from 1987 to 1991. He was a member of the Haryana Public Service Commission since July 2000.

– HPSC chief sworn in. *Hindu.* December 2, 2004: 3.

Salem, Abu

The Portuguese High Court on February 4 ordered the extradition of Abu Salem, prime accused in the 1993 Mumbai serial blasts case. According to the media reports this is seen as a major legal victory for the CBI.

– Vinay Kumar. Portuguese Court orders extradition of Abu Salem. *Hindu.* February 6, 2004 : 1.

The Portuguese High Court has taken a decision to extradite Abu Salem, the mafia don and the main accused int he 1993 Mumbai serial bomb blasts case, following a 16-month legal battle in which CBI laid bare the various criminal cases in which Salem is wanted. The CBI views this as a significant victory.

– Editorial : Bringing Abu Salem home. *Hindu.* February 7, 2004 : 10.

Salman Khursheed

The Congress on Nov. 6 appointed Mr Salman Khursheed, a known Mulayum Singh Yadav baiter, as President of its Uttar Pradesh party unit, thus making it clear that it is all set to battle the Samajwadi Party Government in UP. This will be his second stint as President of UPPC.

– Salman Khursheed to head Congress in UP. *Tribune.* November 7, 2004 : 24.

Samanta, Ashim

The HDFC Bank Ltd on November 20 announced the appointment of Ashim Samanta as additional director on the Board of Bank. Samanta holds specialised knowledge and extensive experience in small-scale industrial sector, the Bank informed the Bombay Stock Exchange.

– HDFC Bank. *Tribune.* November 21, 2004: 21.

Sandhawalia, Dilraj Singh

Election Commission of India on Sept 30 ordered the registration of case against the suspended SDM of Kapurthala under the Representation of Peoples Act 1950 for his role in alleged large scale bungling in enrolement of fresh voters and deletion of existing voters. His suspension and registration of case has been done on the complaint of SAD President, P.S. Badal.

– EC orders registration of case against suspended SDM. *Tribune.* October 1, 2004: 1.

The Election Commission on October 1 withdrew its orders of suspension and registration of a case passed agianst Mr Dilraj Singh Sandhawalia, former SDM-cum-Electoral Registration Officer, for Kapurthala byelections. A fax in this regard was received in the office of Mr Rakesh Kumar Verma, Deputy Commisioner-cum-District Electoral Officer Kapurthala on October 1 afternoon. The note issued from the Chief Electoral Officer read that "in partial modification, the orders of suspension and registration of case issued earlier be revoked keeping in view reconsideration of the matter". The decision of the EC to revert its orders has been termed as "unfortunate" by some leaders of the Shiromani Akali Dal (Badal) as they believed that it lowered the credibility of the Commission.

– EC reverts order against Kapurthala SDM. October 2, 2004:1.

Sandhu, Ajeetesh

Sixteen-year-old Ajeetesh Sandhu has done it again. Yes, this Class X student of the St John's School has clinched the Eastern India Junior Amateur Golf Championship returning a five-under overall score of 275.

– Ajeetesh wins Eastern India Golf title. *Tribune.* November 27, 2004: 18.

Sandhu, B.S., Col. (Retd.)

Col. B.S. Sandhu (retd.) the owner of the Forest Hill Gold Club and Resort has been directed by the Punjab and Haryana High Court on October 12 to demolish the club within 90 days as it was ilegally-constructed. The Bench also imposed costs of Rs.25000 on Col. Sandhu. While ordering immediate closure of the Club, the Court directed the CBI to constitute a special investigating team headed by a senior officer to investigate the matter after lodging an FIR.

– Chhibber, Maneesh. Demolish Forest Hill Club: HC. *Tribune.* October 13, 2004: 1.

Sandhu, D.D.S. (Major-General)

Major-General D.D.S. Sandhu has been nominated as the Colonel Commandant of the Army Ordnance Corps (AOC) at Headquarters Western Command. General Sandhu was commissioned in December, 1967, and has held several important appointments, including, command of the Central Ordnance Depot, Delhi, and a tenure in Nigeria.

– Sandhu nominated Colonel Commandant. *Tribune.* November 10, 2004: 3.

Sandhu, Pal Singh

National Weightlifting coaches, Mr. Pal Singh Sandhu and Leonid Taraneko of Belarus were suspended by the Union Sports Ministry on August 24, in the wake of the doping scandal involving top women lifters Pratima Kumari and Sanamacha Chanu at the Olympics. Pratima has accused both the coaches of conspiring to bring disgrace on her. The Sports Ministry said that it had "lost confidence" in the two coaches after the doping episode in Athens.

– Ministry suspends Sandhu, Taraneko. *Times of India*. Aug. 25, 2004: 18.

Sangma, P.A.

Protesting against NCP President Sharad Pawar firming up an electoral alliance with Congress President Sonia Gandhi, former Lok Sabha Speaker P.A. Sangma on January 17 formally announced his break-up with the Nationalist Congress Party. He said his North-East Political Forum would align with the National Democratic Alliance for the Lok Sabha elections. He told reporters that the NEPF which was a loose conglomeration of all major regional parties of the North-East as well as the BJP, would be formally launched in New Delhi on January 19 and given a political shape. As far as the NCP in the North-East is concerned, he said it would en masse become a part of the NEPF, which had been so far a non-political front. The NEPF, a brainchild of Mr Sangma, however, does not have the Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) in its fold. But AGP sources on January 17 confirmed that informal talks were on to get the support of the BJP. He said the NEPF enjoyed the support of four governments in the North-East and along with the BJP, would be a real threat to the Congress which had been dominating the North-East since Independence.

– Sangma severs ties with NCP. *Tribune.* January 18, 2004: 1.
– Sangma: A man of principles. *Tribune.* January 18, 2004: 3.

Amid a clash with his party chief, Sharad Pawar over aligning with the Congress, NCP leader P.A. Sangma on January 18 met with Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and discussed the possibilities of a tie-up between the North East People's Forum and the NDA in the coming Lok Sabha poll. After a 30-minute meeting at the Prime Minister's official residence, Mr Sangma told reporters that he briefly discussed with Mr Vajpayee the issue of electoral adjustments between the newly-floated forum and the NDA, in case they decided to go together. Mr Sangma's interaction with Mr Vajpayee came a day ahead of the meeting of the North East People's Forum (NEPF) to take a decision on joining hands with the NDA in the coming Lok Sabha poll. The meeting is likely to be attended by four non-Congress Chief Ministers from the North-East. Asked about NCP Chief Sharad Pawar's statement about persuading him to change his mind, Mr Sangma said Mr Pawar had his own compulsions in Maharashtra. "I fully appreciate that. Similarly, I have my own in North-East and he should appreciate that," he said.

– Sangma meets Vajpayee. *Tribune*. January 19, 2004: 20.

The North-East People's Forum (NEPF) on January 19 decided to go with the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) for the coming Lok Sabha elections and authorised its chairman Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio to talk to senior BJP and NDA leaders. Senior Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader P.A. Sangma, who was instrumental in the formation of NEPF, gave indications of a split in his party, saying that he would have a "last consultation" with NCP chief Sharad Pawar on January 24.

– Sangma to join NDA. *Tribune*. January 20, 2004: 1.

– I have no problem with NDA govt's policies: Sangma. *Tribune*. January 25, 2004: 12.

NCP splits and Sharad Pawar led NCP expels P.A. Sangma on January 24. (*Hindu,* January 25, 2004)

The Purno Sangma NCP breakaway faction merges with the Trinamool Congress forming the "Nationalist Trinamool Congress," in New Delhi on March 13. (*Hindu.* March 14, 2004)

Sanjiv Kumar

The Supreme Court on August 23 sought status report from the CBI on the progress of investigation into the five cases of alleged irregularities against Haryana's suspended IAS officer Sanjiv Kumar, who had sought the agency's probe against him along with the teachers' appointment scam, in which he was the whistleblower.

– Case against Haryana IAS officer. *Tribune*. August 23 : 2004: 2.

Supreme Court on August 23 sought status report from the CBI (within two weeks) on the progress of investigation into the five cases of alleged irregularities against Mr. Sanjiv Kumar, Haryana's suspended IAS officer. Sanjiv Kumar said he was paying the price for highlighting the irregularities in teachers' appointment. The Supreme Court had in the year 2003 ordered a CBI inquiry in the primary school teachers appointment scam on Sanjiv Kumar's petition.

– Cases against Haryana IAS officer: SC seeks status report. *Tribune*.

August 24, 2004: 2.

Sankararaman, A.

A. Sankararaman, the temple manager of Sri Varadaraja Perumal Temple in Little Kancheepuram was killed on September 3 allegedly by a six-member gang. The murder created a nation wide furore that ultimately led to the arrest of 18 people, including the Kanchi Sankaracharya, Sri Jayendra Saraswathi.

– Sankararaman murder case: one surrenders. *Hindu.* November 18, 2004 : 11.

Sarabhai, Mallika

The travel restrictions on noted danseuse Mallika Sarabhai were removed on February 19 by the Ahmedabad City Sessions Court at the directive of the Supreme Court. The restrictions were imposed by the sessions court a few months ago in connection with a cheating case against her.

– Travel curbs on Mallika Sarabhai go. *Hindu.* February 20, 2004 : 1.

Noted danseuse and director of the Darpana Academy in Ahmedabad, Mallika Sarabhai, was presented the "ICA Honour Award" by the Indians for Collective Action, a non-profit organisation of Indians in the United States.

– Award presented. *Hindu.* October 17, 2004: 10.

A large audience cheered a performance, based on the life of Meera, the devotee of Lord Krishna, by classical dancer Mallika Sarabhai. The dance performance, described by Sarabhai as "an idea named Meera", was presented with grace as well as vigour on October 29. Sarabhai was accompanied by Daksha Mashruwala, an accomplished Odissi dancer.

– Sarabhai enthrals Americans. *Tribune.* November 1, 2004: 9.

Saran, Shyam

Shyam Saran is appointed as the new Foreign Secretary of India on June 10. (*Hindu.* June 11, 2004)

Mr. Shyam Saran, an IFS officer of 1970 batch took over as the Foreign Secretary on August 2. He succeeded Mr. Shashank. According to media reports, Saran has superseded nearly a dozen IFS officers. He has headed Indian Missions in Mauritius, Myanmar, Indonesia, Nepal besides serving in Hong Kong, Beijing, Geneva and Tokyo.

– Shyam Saran takes over as Foreign Secretary. *Tribune.* August 3, 2004: 2.

Saraswathi, Vijayendra

The junior Sankaracharya of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, Sri Vijayendra Saraswathi, is questioned by the police in connection with the Sankararaman murder case on Dec 26. (*Hindu.* Dec. 27, 2004)

Sarvanand Saraswati (Swami)

Swami Sarvanand Saraswati (104) the chief of Dayanand Math passed away on November 9. Born on April 12, 1900, Swamiji devoted his whole life for the upliftment of the Arya Samaj. DAV educational institutions of the northern India remained closed on November 10 as a mark of respect.

– 104-yr-old Swami Sarvanand cremated. *Tribune.* November 11, 2004: 4.

Sathyu, M.S.

Noted film maker M.S. Sathyu was on November 18 conferred with the Life Time Achievement Award at a ceremony in Nehru Centre, London by South Asian Cinema Foundation for his "creative excellence". Sathyu is well known for films like "Garm Hava" and "Haqeeqat".

– Briefly: M.S. Sathyu honoured. *Tribune.* November 20, 2004: 9.

Sawant, Sandeep

Sandeep Sawant's Marathi movie "Shwaas" bags the best feature film Swarna Kamal at the 2004 National Film Awards on Aug. 14. (*Hindu.* August 15, 2004)

Sayeed, Mufti Mohammad

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed on February 27 escaped an assassination bid at a public meeting at Beerwah, about 60 km. from Srinagar. A girl was killed and a eight were injured in the attack.

– Bukhari, Shujaat. Mufti escapes bid on life. *Hindu.* February 28, 2004: 1, 5, 11, 12.

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister, Mufti Mohammad Sayeed was elected to the State Legislative Assembly on October 16 in the byelection from the Pahalgam constituency. He won the seat by getting 9,056 votes and leading by a margin of 5,174 votes, defeating his rival, Mr. Rafi Ahmad Mir of the National Conference who got 3,882 votes.

– Mufti wins from Pahalgam. *Sunday Tribune.* October 17, 2004: 1, 6.

Sehwag, Virender

Cricketer Virender Sehwag on March 30, created history by becoming the first Indian to crack a triple century on the opening Test against Pakistan at

Multan. Sehwag made 309 runs.

- Mishra, M.R. Congrats Sehwag, you've done it: Become the first Indian to hit triple century in Test cricket. *Tribune.* March 31, 2004: 1, 18.
- Editorial: Three cheers! Sehwag walks into cricket's hall of fame. *Tribune.* March 30, 2004: 10.

The home team did well to polish off the last five wickets to restrict South Africa to 305 in their first innings before Sehwag took centre stage with a rollicking unbeaten 82 to take the hosts to a comfortable 129 for one at close on the second day. Sehwag, who had cracked 164 in the drawn first Test in Kanpur, enthralled a sizeable Eden Gardens crowd with his audacious strokeplay, the highlight of which was a 19-run blitzkrieg off an over by Justine Ontong.

- Sehwag's blitzkrieg gives India the edge. *Tribune.* November 30, 2004 : 18.
- Sehwag can turn any match, says SA coach. *Tribune.* November 30, 2004: 18.

Selja

The Union Minister of State for Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation, Ms Selja, categorically denied reports that she was in the race for the post of President of the Haryana Pardesh Congress Committee (HPCC).

- I am not in a race for HPCC chief's post, says Selja. *Tribune.* November 7, 2004: 3.

Selvaraj, A. (Dr.)

Dr. A. Selvaraj, a nuclear scientist who was attached to the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research at Kalpakkam was among those killed in the Tsunami tidal waves which struck the coastline in the area.

- Briefly : N-Scientist among Tsunami victims. *Tribune.* December 28, 2004: 2.

Sen, Nirupam

Nirupam Sen, a 1969 batch Indian Foreign Service Officer, has taken over as India's permanent representative to the United Nations. He succeeds Vijay K. Nambiar. Sen had held several major assignments in Britain, Russia, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria and Sofia.

- Sen takes charge at UN. *Tribune.* August 25, 2004: 9.

Seshagopalan, T.N.

T.N. Seshagopalan was honoured with Padma Bhushan on June 30. (*Hindu.*

July 1, 2004)

Sethi, Pramod Karan (Dr.)

Orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Pramod Karan Sethi along with a sculptor Ram Chandra who invented the 'Jaipur Foot' was presented the 'Social Lifetime Achievement Award'. Jaipur Foot' has changed the lives of millions of landmine amputees in the past three decades.

– Briefly: Award for 'Jaipur Foot' Inventor. *Tribune.* March 31, 2004: 2.

Sethi, Reetu

Twentyfive-year-old Reetu Sethi becomes the first Indian woman to qualify for umpiring at the US Open Tennis Tournament.

– *Tribune.* September 2, 2004: 18.

Sethi, S.P.

A leading local exporter, Mr S.P. Sethi, Managing Director of Fine Switchgears, was elected Rotary District Governor of the Rotary District 3070 comprising Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir for 2005-2006. Mr Sethi's name as the District Governor of RD 3070 was announced by Mr G.S. Bawa, present District Governor of the Rotary, at a meeting of Rotarians organised last evening at Lilly Resorts, Jalandhar according to a press note.

– S.P. Sethi is Rotary Dist Governor. *Tribune.* January 29, 2004: 14.

Setlvad, Teesta

In a major development in the Best Bakery case, key eyewitness Zaheera Sheikh on November 3 accused the NGO that was helping her, of "pressuring" her into making statements and naming "innocent persons" during the on going retrial of the case at a special court in Mumbai. Making this statement at a suddenly convened press conference, Zaheera said she had filed an affidavit before the Vadodara Collector "seeking protection from Teesta Setlvad and other members of the NGO and that she wanted protection while testifying in the retrial." "Zaheera has filed the affidavit and we are looking into the matter. She has said her original testimony before the Fast Track Court was absolutely true and that Teesta was pressurising her to name innocent persons as accused during the retrial," Vadodara Police Commissioner S.K. Sinha said. Zaheera said that she was "forced into making false statements by her own people from Vadodara at the behest of Teesta and she even threatened her with dire consequences if she had not cooperated."

She also denied ever meeting BJP MLA Madhu Shrivastav before the trial in Vadodara. She had earlier alleged that Shrivastav had threatened her against stating the truth before Vadodara Fast Track Court. She also told mediapersons that the judgement passed by the Fast Track Court judge, H.U. Mahida was "correct." Zaheera was the key witness in the case who had moved the Supreme Court for its re-trial outside Gujarat. Following her petition, the apex court had ordered transfer of the case to a Mumbai court and also rapped the state government regarding protection to riot witnesses. Zaheera was on November 3 provided police protection on her request.

– Zaheera turns hostile against Teesta. *Tribune.* November 4, 2004: 2.

NGO activist Teesta Setalvad, on November 6 moved the Supreme Court for CBI probe into the entire controversy surrounding Best Bakery case key witness Zaheera Sheikh. Setalvad pleaded the court to order the CBI probe into the circumstances that led Zaheera to hold a press conference at Vadodara, day before she was to depose before a Mumbai Special Court on November 4 to record her statement afresh. Zaheera in her press conference at Vadodra on November 3, had alleged that Setalvad had pressurised her to give a "false statement " in the Mumbai court about identifying "innocent persons" as accused, forced her to sign blank papers on which her affidavits were recorded, keeping her in illegal confinement for six months and beating her up.

– Teesta Setalvad moves SC for CBI probe into Zahira episode. *Sunday Tribune*. November 7, 2004: 1.

Zaheera Sheikh, a key witness in the Best Bakery case on November 3, accused noted human rights activist Teesta Setalvad and other members of her Citizens for Justice and Peace of confining her for months at home. She has filed a complaint with the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) against Mrs. Setalvad, alleging that she was being pressurised by activist Teesta Setalvad and her NGO.

– Zaheera moves minorities commission. *Tribune.* November 9, 2004: 2

– Zaheera files complaint with NCW. *Hindu.* November 9, 2004: 1.

– Pained but not defeated says Teesta. *Sunday Tribune.* November 14, 2004: 2.

Shah, Jeevika

Jeevika Shah has won the Mrs. India World 2004 beauty pageant at a function in Mumbai on December 16. Ms. Shah, a mother of two, was presented the title by Bolywood actress Sri Devi.

– Chandigarh's Jeevika Shah crowned Mrs. India World. *Tribune.*

December 18, 2004: 20.

Shah, Mohd. Rafiq

Unidentified militants shot dead Mohammad Rafiq Shah, a former militant and a moderate Hurriyat leader, when they intruded into his house at Chinkral Mohalla in Srinagar on September 30 morning.

– Militants gun down moderate Hurriyat leader in Srinagar. *Tribune.* October 1, 2004: 1.

Mohammad Rafiq Shah a leader of the moderate faction of the Hurriyat Conference was shot dead on September 30 by some unidentified militants in Srinagar.

– Hurriyat leader shot dead. *Hindu.* October 1, 2004: 12.

Shah, Shabir Ahmad

Democratic Freedom Party President Shabir Ahmad Shah and his deputy Mohammad Abdullah Tari were on September 29 detained by the police for indulging in the anti-poll campaign in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir. Official sources said that Mr Shah and Mr Tari were detained at Ashmuqam, 70 km from here, in the Pahalgam Assembly constituency which went to the polls in the byelections along with three other seats on October 13.

– Shabir Shah detained. *Tribune.* September 30, 2004: 6.

Shahabuddin, Mohammad

RJD MP Mohammad Shahabuddin's bail petition in connection with the kidnapping and murder of a CPI (ML) worker Munna Chaudhary three years ago, was rejected by the Patna High Court on August 9.

– He rejects Shahabuddin's bail Plea. *Tribune.* August 10, 2004: 2.

Shahabuddin, Syed

Syed Shahabuddin, a member of the All-India Muslim Personal Law Board, three time MP and former diplomat, on April 4 joined the Congress Party. He was earlier associated with the Janata Party and later with the Janata Dal.

– Shahabuddin joins Congress. *Hindu.* April 5, 2004: 1.

– Shahabuddin joins Congress. *Tribune.* April 5, 2004: 20.

Shamsher Singh (Kanwar)

Kanwar Shamsher Singh, an IAS of 1968 batch was on February 5 appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Himachal Pradesh. He replaced Mr. Arvind Kaul.

– New Chief Secretary of Himachal. *Hindu.* February 6, 2004 : 6.

Shanmugham, N.T.

Food Processing Minister N.T. Shanmugham and Minister of State for Railway A.K. Moorthy, who belong to the Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK), on January 14 quit the Union Council of Ministers, following the decision taken by the Party to pull out of the NDA government in protest against the proposal to advance the elections to the Lok Sabha. Talking to newspersons, Mr Shanmugham said Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had accepted the resignations.

– PMK ministers quit Cabinet. *Tribune.* January 15, 2004: 2.

Sharma, B.R.

The *Frontier Mail* Editor B.R. Sharma died following a brief illness on October 29. He was 73. The cremation will take place at Rishikesh in Uttaranchal on October 30.

– Journalist dead. *Tribune.* October 30, 2004: 6.

Sharma, C.G. (Judge)

The Supreme Court has said there is no place for dead wood in the judiciary and has upheld the termination of service of C.G. Sharma, a Civil Judge from Gujarat against whom were "adverse remarks" in the confidential report (CR) as his work was not found to be satisfactory by the High Court administration.

– SC upholds sacking of judge. *Tribune.* Nov. 22, 2004: 2.

Sharma, Manu

Siddharth Vashishtha alias Manu Sharma was on October 15 granted interim bail by the Delhi High Court in the Jessica Lal murder case. Ramp model Jessica Lal was shot dead in New Delhi on April 30, 1999.

– Manu Sharma granted bail. *Hindu.* Oct. 16, 2004: 4.

Sharma, Nagendra (Dr.)

Dr. Nagendra Sharma, the Director of the National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal (NDRI), has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture Sciences and Technology, Jammu.

– Sandhu, Kulwinder. Nagendra appointed VC of Sher-e-Kashmir University. *Tribune.* December 7, 2004: 7.

Sharma, Narinder

Mr Narinder Sharma, IGP, Investigation, Lokpal Punjab has been transferred and posted as IGP, Computer & Telecommunication in Chandigarh.

– Narinder Sharma. *Tribune*. January 1, 2004: 6.

Sharma, Nawal Kishore

The President appointed Nawal Kishore Sharma as the Governor of Gujarat on July 5. (*Hindu*. July 6, 2004)

Sharma, P.C.

Mr. P.C. Sharma, former Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation has been appointed member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) for a period of five years.

– P.C. Sharma in NHRC. *Hindu*. February 26, 2004 : 12.

Sharma, Rakesh

Mr. Rakesh Sharma directed documentary on the Gujarat riots of 2002, "Final Solution" has been banned by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC). "Final Solution" has won two awards at the 54th Berlin International Film Festival, besides winning the Humanitarian Award for outstanding documentary at the Hong Kong film festival.

– Shiv Kumar. Censors ban documentary on Gujarat. *Tribune*. August 6, 2004: 2.

Sharma, Ram Babu

Mr. Ram Babu Sharma, 49-year-old Congress MLA from Rohtas Nagar, Delhi on November 8 took over as the new President of the Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee (DPCC). Sharma declared that safeguarding the honour and dignity of the party workers and leaders would be his top priority.

– Ram Babu Sharma takes over as DPCC Chief. *Hindu*. November 9, 2004: 4.

– Ram Babu works to fulfil a dream. *Hindu*. November 22, 2004: 4.

Sharma, R.K.

Mr R.K. Sharma has taken over as Chairman & Managing Director of the Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC), a PSU under the administrative control of Ministry of Power. Before joining the THDC, he was Director (Technical) in the NHPC.

– THDC CMD. *Tribune*. October 28, 2004: 17.

Sharma, R.S.

The Special Investigation Team probing the multi-crore fake stamp paper racket submitted before the Mumbai special court on February 9 that the prime accused Abdul Karim Telgi, had paid Mr. R.S. Sharma the, former Mumbai Police Commissioner, Rs. 22 lakhs and the former Telugu Desam

Party MLA, C. Krishna Yadav, Rs. 32 lakhs.

– Telgi paid Rs. 22 lakhs to former police chief : SIT. *Hindu.* February 10, 2004 : 1.

Sharma, R.S.

Mr. R.S. Sharma, a leading technocrat in the field of power plant management and the Executive Director (commercial) of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has taken over as Director (Commercial) of NTPC. He had joined the Company in 1980.

– Briefly: New director for NTPC. *Hindu.* Oct. 17, 2004: 4.

Sharma, S.K.

S.K. Sharma, the youngest Advocate-General of Haryana is likely to be administered oath as the Punjab & Haryana High Court Judge on January 6. After doing his graduation, Mr Sharma moved to Rohtak for studying law from Maharshi Dayanand University. Armed with a law degree, Mr. Sharma shifted to Chandigarh in 1985 for practising in the High Court as a civil lawyer. Soon he earned the reputation of being an 'expert in service matters'. He was soon appointed counsel for boards, corporation and banks. He even represented the High Court in a case.

After his appointment as AG, Mr Sharma assisted the court in village common land case affecting hundreds of villages. He also pursued Sutlej-Yamuna link issue before the Supreme Court of India on behalf of the Haryana Government. After being administered oath, Mr Sharma would, perhaps, be the youngest serving High Court judge in the country.

Sharma, Satish

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on November 2 opposed the UPA government's move to close 15 corruption cases related to petrol pump allotment against Congress leader Satish Sharma and alleged that it "once again exposed the double standards" of the ruling coalition. The main opposition party said the Union Home Ministry's move to "prevent" the CBI from pursuing the legal case for Mr Sharma's prosecution reflected "immorality" and demanded that the cases against him should be taken to their logical end "without any interference by the Congress high command." "It is no matter of surprise that the Home Ministry and the CBI has moved the special court for closing the cases registered against Capt Sharma just few days after Congress President Sonia Gandhi and her family attended the wedding of Capt Sharma's daughter," a BJP statement said.

– BJP opposes withdrawing cases against Sharma. *Tribune.* November 3, 2004: 2.

– Satish Sharma again! When innocence is simply presumed. *Tribune.* November 3, 2004: 10 (Editorial)

Sharma, Yagya Dutt

Veteran trade unionist and CPI leader Yagya Dutt Sharma, popularly known as YD in the political circles, died on January 12 following a massive heart attack. He was 85. He is survived by his wife Sarla, a veteran CPI leader. Mr Sharma suffered a massive heart attack at his residence around 2100 hrs and died before he could be rushed to hospital. The CPI, in a statement, described him as a front-ranking leader who played an important role in organising the working class movement in Delhi and other parts of the country.

Born on March 1, 1918, at Jakhauli village in Rohtak district of Haryana, he moved to Delhi in 1930 and graduated from Sri Ram College of Commerce in 1937. After doing his postgraduation in Economics from St. Stephen's College, he joined Ramjas College as a lecturer. He actively participated in the freedom movement, becoming the first freedom fighter from his village. He was also an active member of the All-India Students Federation (AISF) and played a key role in giving a solid footing to the students' wing of the CPI. As a political and trade union activist, he was jailed several times for his participation in the freedom and trade union movements, even losing his job as a result.

– Trade unionist Y.D. Sharma dead. *Tribune.* January 13, 2004: 2.

Shastri, Sunil

A senior BJP leader and former MP, Sunil Shastri quits party on Dec 8. (*Hindu.* Dec. 9, 2004)

Sunil Shastri, on December 10 floated a new political forum "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan Mazdoor Congress" with the aim of fulfilling the dreams of his late father Lal Bahadur Shastri, barely two days after quitting BJP.

– Sunil Shastri launches Jai Jawan Jai Kisan Mazdoor Congress. *Tribune.* December 11, 2004: 2.

Shastri, Vishnu Kant

Vishnu Kant Shastri was dismissed as Governor of Uttar Pradesh by the Centre on July 2. (*Hindu.* July 3, 2004)

Sheikh, Zahira

The Supreme Court on January 30 admitted an appeal by Zahira Sheikh, a Best Bakery case complainant, against the Gujarat High Court order endorsing the acquittal of all 21 accused by the trial judge. The apex court issued notice to the State Government and the accused seeking their replies. The appeal was admitted by a Bench of Mr Justice Doraiswamy Raju and Mr Justice Arijit Pasayat. It also issued notice to the Gujarat Government on a petition by an NGO fighting Zahira's case, for expunging certain remarks against it by the High Court in its December 26 judgement. The High Court had upheld the trial judge's June 27 judgement acquitting all accused on the ground that the prosecution had failed to prove its case against them.

– SC admits Zahira's plea in Best Bakery case. *Tribune.* Jan. 31, 2004 : 2.

The key witness in the Gujarat Best Bakery case, Zahira Sheikh, retracts her statements before a Mumbai court, in Vadodara on Nov. 3. (*Hindu.* Nov. 4, 2004)

In a major development in the Best Bakery case, key eyewitness Zaheera Sheikh today accused the NGO that was helping her of "pressurising" her into making statements and naming "innocent persons" during the on going retrial of the case at a special court in Mumbai.

– Zaheera turns hostile against Teesta. *Tribune.* November 4, 2004: 1.

– Editorial: Protecting witnesses. *Hindu.* Nov. 9, 2004: 10.

– Dhavan, Rajeev. Witness for the prosecution. *Hindu.* November 15, 2004: 10.

– Nayar, Kuldip. New twist to Best Bakery Case may not fall due to Zaheera's retraction. *Tribune.* November 15, 2004: 11.

– Zaheera's second brother turns hostile. *Tribune.* November 20, 2004: 2.

After the prime witness Zahira Sheikh turned hostile in the Best Bakery case, her sister Saira Sheikh also turned hostile during the retrial of the case on December 2 in Mumbai. To the questions posed by the prosecution, she replied, "I do not know" and " I do not remember".

– Zahira's sister turns hostile. *Times of India.* December 3, 2004: 8.

– Zahira's sister turns hostile. *Hindu.* Dec. 3, 2004: 14.

The Majlis-e-Shura, an apex body of Muslims, on December 24 "ousted" Zaheera, for tarnishing "the community's image by making false statements".

– In brief : Zahira 'ousted'. *Hindu.* December 25, 2004: 1, 11,

Zahira Sheikh prime witness in the Best Bakery case turned hotile on December 1, in the retrial of the case at the Sessions Court in Mumbai. She said, she did not know the identity of people who threw stones and soda bottles at her and her family on the night of March 1, 2002.

– Zahira turns hostile at retrial. *Hindu.* Dec. 22, 2004: 11.

The Tehelka on December 22 showed a 10-minute spycam video footage before media persons to claim that the Best Bakery prime witness Zaheera Sheikh was paid Rs. 18 lakh by a BJP MLA Madhu Shrivastava to turn hostile.

– Zaheera was paid Rs 18 lakh: Tehelka. *Tribune*. Dec 23, 2004: 1, 2.

– Editorial : Another Tehelka : Shows how justice is sought to be derailed. *Tribune*. December 24, 2004: 10.

– Zahira was paid money, claims Tehelka. *Hindu*. December 23, 2004 : 1, 11.

– Editorial : Trial by Fear : Tehelka probe exposes plight of riot victims. *Times of India*. December 24, 2004 : 10.

Shekhar, Vijay

The CBI on January 30 examined the private television network reporter, Mr. Vijay Shekhar, who exposed an alleged racket in Ahmedabad by securing warrants against the President, the Chief Justice of India and a sitting Judge of the Supreme Court by a Metropolitan Magistrate there. The CBI team, which reached Ahmedabad, questioned Vijay Shekhar and took all case material from the court office pertaining to the alleged issue of warrants. The CBI will question Metropolitan Magistrate M.S. Bramabhatt, who has been suspended by the Gujarat High Court in connection with the case.

– Scribe quizzed in justice-for-sale case. *Tribune*. January 31, 2004: 2.

Shekhawat, Bhairon Singh

Vice-President Bhairon Singh Shekhawat said on October 10 that he was not in favour of the inclusion of the two top offices in the Lokpal purview. He said "........ in my view the institution of the President and the PM are the very pivot of purity and sanctity of democracy".

– Vashishtha, Swati. Keep President, PM out of Lokpal's purview: Shekhawat. *Tribune*. October 11, 2004: 20.

Shenoy, P.S.

Mr. P.S. Shenoy, the Chairman and Managing Director of Bank of Baroda has been elected Chairman of Indian Bank's Association for 2004-05.

– Briefly : IBA chairman. *Tribune*. September 28, 2004: 17.

Shetty, V.P.

The Chairman and Managing Director, UCO Bank, Mr. V.P. Shetty, has been appointed as CMD of Canara Bank on account of Board level transfer. The appointment shall be effective with effect from November 1.

– New CMD for Canara Bank. *Hindu.* November 18, 2004: 16.

Shinde, Sushil Kumar

Dalit leader and former Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Sushil Kumar Sambhajirao Shinde was on November 4 sworn in as the 19th Governor of Andhra Pradesh. Mr Shinde, who took over in place of Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, transferred as the Tamil Nadu Governor, was a keen contender for the Chief Minister's post after the Congress-NCP combine re-captured power in Maharashtra but had to accept the new assignment following the Party High Command's decision to opt for Mr Vilas Rao Deshmukh. The new Governor was administered the oath of office by the Chief Justice of the AP High Court, Devender Gupta, at a brief ceremony in the lawns of Raj Bhavan.

– Shinde is Andhra Governor. *Tribune.* October 31, 2004:1.

– Vinay Kumar. Shinde appointed Governor of Andhra Pradesh: Barnala to move over to Tamil Nadu. *Hindu.* October 31, 2004: 1.

– Shinde sworn in AP Governor. *Tribune.* November 5, 2004: 2.

Shirpurkar, Vikas Shridhar (Justice)

Mr. Justice Vikas Shridhar Shirpurkar, 56, of Madras High Court was on July 25 sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Uttaranchal High Court in Dehra Dun.

– Shirpurkar is Uttaranchal C.J. *Tribune.* July 26, 2004: 2.

– Justice Sirpurkar sworn in as Uttaranchal Chief Justice. *Hindu.* July 26, 2004: 3.

Shirur, Suma

Ace markswoman Suma Shirur has won the gold in the air rifle event at the 10th Asian Shooting championship in Kuala Lumpur scoring 102.3 in the finals. She also equalled the World record of Shooting 400/400 in the qualifying round becoming only the sixth shooter in the world to achieve this feat.

– Shooting: Suma equals world record, books Olympic berth. *Hindu.* February 14, 2004: 20.

Shiv Shankar, P.

Mr. P. Shiv Shankar, a senior Congress leader and former Union Minister quit the party on March 30, on the eve of coming Lok Sabha elections, in protest against the "injustice" to Backward Classes in giving ticket for the elections. Shiv Shankar is the chairman of the All-India Congress OBC cell.

– Shiv Shankar quits Congress. *Tribune*. March 31, 2004: 2.

Shobha, J.J.

J.J. Shobha (6211 points) sets a National record in hepthalon in the BSNL-sponsored Federation Cup Athletics Championship in New Delhi on March 17. (*Hindu*. March 18, 2004)

Shrivastava, A.P. (Justice)

Justice A.P. Shrivastava of fast track court of Siwan in Bihar was on July 17 dismissed by the Patna High Court, for acting beyond jurisdiction to grant provisional bail to controversial RJD MP Mohammad Shahabuddin. High Court has also ordered the CBI inquiry into the case. The High Court also ordered to hold up pensionary benefits enjoyed by Mr. Shrivastava.

– Judge dismissed for granting bail to Shahabuddin. *Tribune*. July 22, 2004: 2.

– Balchand, K. CBI to probe grant of bail for M.P. *Hindu*. July 22, 2004 : 12.

Shukla, Ramesh Chand

Mr. Ramesh Chand Shukla, a 64-year-old retired IFS officer committed suicide. He had gone missing since September 6 and his body was found in the ground floor of the IFS Apartments in East Delhi. Police has recovered a suicide note. During his illustrious career, Shukla had served as India's Ambassador to Denmark, Belarus and Qatar.

– Retired IFS officer commits suicide. *Tribune*. September 8, 2004: 2.

Shukla, V.C.

Mr. V.C. Shukla, former Union Minister quit the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) on February 5 and formed his own regional outfit-Rashtriya Jantantrik Dal. Shukla said his outfit would fight the elections under the NDA manifesto.

– V.C. Shukla floats new outfit. *Hindu*. February 6, 2004: 11.

Sibal, Kapil

Mr. Kapil Sibal, the Union Minister of Science and Technology and Ocean Development, on July 22, claimed that India needed just "Rs.500 crore" one time investment to install world class infrastructure to precdict monsoon "accurately".

– Rs. 500 crore needed to predict rain accurately. Sibal. *Tribune*. July 23, 2004: 15.

– Sibal seeks aid for monsoon forecast. *Hindu*. July 23, 2004: 13.

Siddiqui, M.S.A., Justice

Former Delhi High Court Judge M.S.A. Siddiqui is appointed head of the three-member National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions on Nov. 26. (*Hindu.* Nov. 27, 2004)

Sidhu, Balwinder Singh

Mr Balwinder Singh Sidhu, is the new Director of Agriculture, Punjab. He will take over from Dr Ajmer Singh, who retires on October 31. Mr Sidhu at present is Joint Director, Engineering Wing in the Department of Agriculture. He is the first engineer to head the important post.

– Sidhu new Agri Director. *Tribune.* October 30, 2004: 6.

The appointment of Mr Balwinder Singh Sidhu as Director of Agriculture has stirred the hornest's nest, and officers down to the field level are wearing black badges in protest, dubbing him as "non-agriculture" man. A delegation of the agriculture technocrats action committee on November 3 met the minister concerned and also the key bureaucrats to lodge their protest and demand that only a person with the requisite qualification from the main agriculture administrative wing be appointed director. The delegation was led by Joint Directors Bhupinder Singh Shahpuri and Balwinder Singh Sohal. Mr Sidhu, it was contended, was only B. Tech and did not fulfil the prescribed minimum qualification to be eligible to hold the post even if he had been asked to "officiate".

– Sidhu's appontment sparks off protests. *Tribune.* November 4, 2004: 5.

Sidhu, Charanjit Singh

The man, identified as Charanjit Singh Sidhu of Uttam Nagar locality of the Capital, who threw slippers on the CJ of the Delhi High Court and hurled abuses, was taken into custody by the security personnel of the Court. He appeared disturbed and was agitated after the Bench refused to entertain his applications, which was not listed for hearing on September 29. However, the Bench continued with the proceedings.

– Man throws slippers at CJ. *Tribune.* Sept. 30, 2004: 20.

Sidhu, Navjot Singh

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on April 16 formally announced the candidature of Mr. Navjot Singh Sidhu, former cricketer and commentator from Amritsar Lok Sabha constituency.

– BJP fields Sidhu from Amritsar. *Tribune.* April 17, 2004: 1, 20.

Sidhu, Ravinder Pal Singh

Former Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC) Chairman Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu, facing three cases in connection with the "money-for-job scam", was on January 12 granted bail by the Supreme Court after 22 months' incarceration in judicial custody. Imposing stringent conditions on him a Bench comprising Mr Justice K.G. Balakrishnan and Mr Justice B.N. Srikrishna directed him to execute a bail bond of Rs 5 lakh and two sureties of the like amount with the Special Court at Patiala and report on every alternate Saturday of the month to the Superintendent (Headquarters) at the Central police station, Mohali regularly for the next six months.

– Ravi Sidhu gets bail after 22 months in jail. *Tribune.* January 13, 2004: 1.

Former Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC) Chairman Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu may be released from Patiala jail tomorrow after spending about 22 months in jail. His release has become possible after a Chandigarh court on January 17 granted him bail in the case registered against him by the UT police under the Arms Act.

– Sidhu gets bail in case under Arm Act. *Tribune.* January 18, 2004: 1.

Ousted PPSC Chairman Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu was released on bail on January 24 after 22 months of captivity. After stepping out of the Patiala Central Jail he got into a Maruti-800 car.

– Ravi Sidhu out on bail. *Tribune.* January 25, 2004: 1.

Sidhu, Shivender Singh (Dr.)

Dr. Shivender Singh Sidhu is named as Manipur Governor on Aug. 3. (*Hindu.* August 4, 2004)

Dr. Shivender Singh Sidhu was on August 6 sworn in as the 11th Governor of Manipur. He succeeded Mr. Arvind Dave.

– Briefly: Dr. S.S. Sidhu sworn in. *Tribune.* August 7, 2004: 2.

Sikhdar, Jyotirmoyee

CPM MP Jyotirmoyee Sikhdar's husband After Singh was arrested on August 16 from Salt Lake in Kolkata for allegedly running a brothel. After Singh, hails from Punjab and was Mrs. Sikhdar's coach, later became her husband. Mrs. Sikhdar represents Krishnanagar seat in the Lok Sabha.

– CPM MP's husband held for running brothel. *Tribune.* Aug. 17, 2003 : 20.

Singh, Ajay Vikram

Ajay Vikram Singh is named as Defence Secretary of India on June 29. (*Hindu.* June 30, 2004)

Singh, Akhilesh

Akhilesh Singh, a key accused in the Syed Modi murder case was discharged by the Supreme Court on December 8. This is viewed as a major setback for the CBI. Akhilesh Singh is an MLA from Rai Bareilly.

– SC discharges MLA Akhilesh : Syed Modi murder case. *Tribune.*

December 9, 2004 : 15.

– Akhilesh threatens to sue Cong. *Tribune.* December 9, 2004: 15.

Singh, Amandeep

Amandeep Singh defeated Ankur Srivastava 9-0, 9-0, 9-0 in the men's open event second round of the Northern India Prize Money Squash Championship held on September 28.

– Amandeep records easy win. *Tribune.* Sept. 29, 2004:19.

Singh, Amita

Ms Amita Singh, a high-profile BJP MLA and wife of senior Congress leader Sanjay Singh on February 3 resigned from the Amethi Assembly seat. Her resignation was accepted by Speaker Kesri Nath Tripathi. Now the strength of the BJP, the main Opposition party in the Assembly, has dipped to 86. Ms Amita, who was recently issued a show-cause notice by the BJP for 'hobnobbing' with Gandhi siblings Priyanka and Rahul at Amethi, met the Speaker and tendered her resignation.

– BJP MLA Amita quits. *Tribune.* February 4, 2004: 18.

Ms. Amita Singh the former BJP's Uttar Pradesh Minister in the BSP-BJP coalition joined the Congress on February 16. Her husband Sanjay Singh also crossed over to the Congress last year. Media reports say that the arrival of the couple will boost the prospects of the Congress party in Uttar Pradesh.

– Amita Singh in now in Congress. *Hindu.* February 17, 2004: 11.

Singh, Arun Kumar, Vice-Admiral

Vice-Admiral Arun Kumar Singh took over as the Director-General of Coast Guard on August 20. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy (NDA), Vice-Admiral Singh was the Controller, Personnel Services at the Naval Headquarters.

– Arun Kumar new DG of Coast Guard. *Tribune.* August 21, 2004: 2.

Singh, D.P., Maj Gen.

The charred bodies of Major General D.P. Singh, his aide Lt-Col B.K. Pande and the pilot Captain Arjun Sardana were found by a rescue team of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police at 11.40 a.m., about 7 km from the Manna Pass near the Sino-Indian border, an Army spokesperson said in New Delhi on October 30. An army aviation helicopter brought the three bodies from the crash site to Joshimath. The Cheetah helicopter of the Army Aviation Corps went missing from near the border with China beyond Joshimath on October 29 morning and lost radio contact at 9.30 am. on October 29. The helicopter took off from the Bareilly base at about 7.30 in the morning on a routine recee mission.

- Copter with General aboard missing near China border. *Tribune.* October 30, 2004: 1.
- Charred bodies of General, two others found. *Tribune.* October 31, 2004 : 1.

Singh, Dhirendra

Dhirendra Singh has been named as Home Secretary of India on June 29. (*Hindu.* June 30, 2004)

Singh, Digvijay

The Special Police Establishment of the Madhya Pradesh Lok Ayukta on February 10 registered a case against the former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, Mr. Digvijay Singh and four others in connection with a land scam in Indore under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

- Lok Ayukta case against Digvijay in land scam. *Hindu.* February 12, 2004: 11.

Singh, J.J., Lt Gen

Lt Gen J.J. Singh takes over as the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Command from Feb. 1, 2004. He succeeds Lt Gen Shamsher Singh Mehta, who retires on January 31.

Lieutenant General J.J. Singh, a third generation officer in the Army, General Officer Commanding-in- Chief of the Army Training Command has been appointed as the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the prestigious Western Command with effect from 01 Feb 04. The General during his command of the Army Training Command has been instrumental in giving the nascent organisation a distinctly discernable and widely appreciated thrust towards modernisation by streamlining training in the Army through adoption of efficient training techniques, principles of jointsmanship and a vision of a modern and progressive future Army. One of the achievements of his tenure has been the evolution of the "Doctrine for the Indian Army" — a landmark document which will lay down guidelines for the Army of the future.

The General has seen a variety of first hand combat experience in his over 12 years of field experience. He has the distinction of being decorated with AVSM and VSM while in command of troops and in Military Operations Directorate. He has also been awarded the PVSM on 26 Jan 04 and appointed as Honorary ADC to the President of India on 01 Feb 2004. The General has led troops from the front in battle - a trait which saw him being seriously wounded in anti-terrorist operations in J&K as a Brigade Commander and for which he received the War Wound Medal and was commended by the CO AS.

Lieutenant General J.J. Singh has a wide experience of appointments in the Army, which includes serving as the Additional Director in the Military Operations Directorate during the Kargil Conflict and Operational Logistics Directorate. During his tenure as ADGMO in Army Headquarters, Lt Gen Singh participated in discussions with the Chinese officials on the boundary issue as the member of Joint Working Group. He also participated in discussions with the Pakistani Defence delegation on the Siachin issue.

He has done all the distinguished professional courses which include Defence Services Staff Course, Senior Command, Higher Command and National Defence College Course. He has also had the privilege of being the first Indian Defence Attache in Algeria. He has the experience of commanding an elite Strike Corps during Exercise *Poorna Vijay* and *the Operation Parakram*.

General Singh is widely considered to be a pragmatic soldier who is wedded to his profession. He is also the Colonel of the elite Maratha Light Infantry.

– Lt-Gen J.J. Singh Western Command Chief. *Tribune*. 29, 2004: 18.

Lieutenant-General Joginder Jaswant Singh will be the new Army Chief. Lt. Gen. Singh, now the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Command, will take over from Gen. N.C. Vij, who will reitre on January 31 2005, according to an official release. A third generation Army officer, Lt. Gen. Singh was born on September 17, 1945 at Bhawalpur, now in Pakistan. He was commissioned into the Maratha Light Infantry on August 2, 1964. During his distinguished service for four decades, Lt. Gen. Singh has served in several Command and Staff postings. He has commanded the Shimla-based Army Training Command and the Chandimandir-based Western Command. During the 1999 Kargil operations, he was the Additional Director-General of Military Operations. In 1991, he was seriously injured in an encounter with terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir when he was commanding a Mountain Brigade. Lt. Gen. Singh also served as the first Defence Attache in the Indian Embassy in Algeria during 1987-90. Besides being a graduate of the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, Lt. Gen. Singh has done the Senior Command course, the Higher Command course and the prestigious National Defence College course. He has been decorated with the Param Vishist Seva Medal, the Ati-Vishist Seva Medal and the Vishist Seva Medal. He is also one of the Honorary ADCs to the President.

– J.J. Singh new Army Chief. *Hindu*. November 28, 2004: 1.

- CBMs with Pak right : J J Singh. *Times of India*. November 29, 2004: 3.
- General sounds note of caution. *Tribune*. Nov. 29, 2004: 3.
- Rodrigues congratulate General. *Tribune*. Nov. 29, 2004: 3.
- Sikh organisations hail J.J. Singh's appointment. *Tribune*. November 30, 2004 : 6.

Lieut-General Joginder Jaswant Singh was on Nov 27 named as the next Chief of the Army Staff and will succeed General N.C. Vij when he retires on January 31, an official announcement here said. Fiftynine-year-old Generla J.J. Singh, who is the seniormost officer in the Army after Chief of Army Staff, will also be the first Sikh officer to become the Chief of Army Staff. Speaking to *the Tribune*, General J.J. Singh said he considered it a great privilege and "matter of justifiable pride to be appointed as the Chief of Army Staff of the world's second-largest army and one which is considered amongst the highly professional and experienced armies".

- J.J. Singh to be Army chief. *Tribune*. Nov. 28, 2004: 1
- Seniority principle followed in Gen J.J. Singh's appointment. *Tribune*. November 28, 2004: 3.

Singh, Jaswant

The Finance Minister Jaswant Singh presents the interim budget for 2004-05 on Feb 3. (*Hindu*. Feb. 4, 2004)

Singh, K.D. (Col.)

Col K D Singh, Commanding Officer, Gorkha Battalion in Siachen on May 27 denied the charge of fake killings, saying that during the deployment of his Battalion there as many as 45 Pakistani soldiers were killed in real encounters. Deposing before the court headed by Brig. Phillip Kampose at Jodhpur, he pointed out several strategic locations captured on video shots to assert that the killings of enemy soldiers were indeed real and not fake as complained by Maj Surendra Singh.

- *Tribune*. May 28: 20.

Singh, K.P.

Mr. K.P. Singh, Congress MLA from Pichhor in Shivpuri district of Madhya Pradesh is facing an arrest warrant in a 21-year old case. The warrants were issued by a Gwalior court on July 15. Singh was a minister in the previous Digvijay Singh Cabinet.

- Warrants against ex-minister in 21-year-old case. *Tribune*. July 27, 2004: 2

Singh, Kanwaljit

Mr. Kanwaljit Singh, an IPS officer of the 1968 batch belonging to the West

Bengal cadre has taken over as the new Additional Director General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). Singh replaces Mr. J.K. Sinha. He is the recipient of the President's Medal for Distinguished Service in 2003. According to the media reports Mr. Singh is known to be a capable officer.

– New ITBP chief takes over. *Hindu.* February 12, 2004: 4.

Singh, Madhu

Jharkhand Revenue and Land Cabinet Minister, Madhu Singh was sacked on June 30 from the Government following a newspaper report alleging that he had accepted Rs. 50 lakh to support a candidate during the recent Rajya Sabha elections. His removal from the Council of Ministers followed his suspension from JD (U) party by its President, George Fernandes. Singh, however, denied the charge.

– Jharkhand minister sacked for bribe. *Tribune.* July 1, 2004: 2

Singh, Mrigendra Pratap

Mr. Mrigendra Pratap Singh was on August 18 elected unanimously as Speaker of the Jharkhand Assembly at a specially convened session.

– Briefly : New Jharkhand Speaker. *Tribune.* August 19, 2004: 2.

Singh, Natwar

Natwar Singh becomes External Affairs Union Minister in the Cabinet of Dr Manmohan Singh on May 23. (*Hindu.* May 24, 2004)

Singh, Prabhunath

Supreme Court on July 21 dismissed a petition by Janata Dal (U) MP Prabhunath Singh seeking stay on arrest warrant against him in a murder case and directed him to surrender to trial court in Bhagalpur by July 30. Prabhunath Singh is the fourth politician from Bihar and Jharkhand, to get adverse orders from the Courts recently.

– SC's no to stay warrant against JD(U) MP. *Tribune.* July 22, 2004: 2.

– Prabhunath Singh asked to surrender. *Hindu.* July 22, 2004: 1.

Singh, Prakash

Mr. Prakash Singh, the Chairman and Managing Director of the Union Bank of India was questioned by the CBI on October 11 at Kolkata for allegedly demanding Rs 85 lakhs for extending a loan of Rs. 42 crore to an industrialist. The allegation is that he had already accepted Rs 15 lakh from the industrialist.

– Briefly: Bank CMD. *Tribune.* October 12, 2004: 15.

Singh, R.K.

Railway Board Chairman R. K. Singh has become the first railway officer in the country to be elected Chairman of the World Executive Council of the Union of International Railways. Mr R.K. Singh, who is also the ex-officio Principal Secretary to the Centre, was elected for the prestigious post at a meeting of the World Executive Council on October 27 in Yokohama, Japan.

– R.K. Singh chief of global rail body. *Tribune.* November 4, 2004: 1.

Mr. R.K. Singh, Chairman of the Railway Board has been indicted by the one-man judicial commission headed by retired High Court Judge G.C. Garg, for lapses that led to a train accident in 1998 in Khanna (Punjab). Mr. J.P. Shukla is the other officer indicted by the Commission. He is the Chairman and Managing Director of Rail Vikas Nigam. The Inquiry Commission submitted its report on July 15. Reports appearing in the media say that the inquiry report is gathering "dust" with Mr. R.K. Singh sitting at the helm of affairs in the Railway Board that is the nodal body for setting policy guidelines for safety standards for the railways.

– Probe panel indicts Rly Board chief. *Tribune.* December 14, 2004: 2.

Singh, Raghuraj Pratap alias Raja Bhaiya

The newly appointed UP Cabinet Minister, Mr. Raghuraj Pratap Singh was on July 20 assigned the Food and Civil Supplies portfolio.

– Food, Civil Supplies for Raja Bhaiya. *Tribune.* July 22, 2004: 2.

The Supreme Court on November 17, issued notices to the Uttar Pradesh Government and its controversial Food Minister Raghuraj Pratap Singh on a petition challenging the withdrawl of POTA cases against him, his father and cousin. The POTA cases were withdrawn against the trio by the UP State POTA Review Committee through an order passed on April 30, holding that "prima facie" no case under the Act, was made out against them.

– SC notice to Raja Bhaiya in POTA case. *Tribune.* November 18, 2004 : 2.

Singh, Rajnath

Agriculture Minister Rajnath Singh was on January 17 given the additional charge of the Food Processing Industries, after Mr N.T. Shanmugam resigned.

– Rajnath gets food processing portfolio. *Tribune.* January 18, 2004: 2.

Singh, Ram Kishore

Ram Kishore Singh, a Lok Janashakti Party legislator in Bihar has been sent to jail after being produced in Hajipur Court in connection with murder and kidnapping cases.

– Inbox: LJP MLA sent to jail. *Hindustan Times.* August 2, 2004: 1.

– Briefly: MLA sent to jail. *Tribune.* August 2, 2004: 2.

Singh, Robin

Indian all rounder Robin Singh on January 24 at Chennai announced his retirement from first class and international cricket. The 40-year-old Robin is currently the coach of the Indian cricket U-19 team. Born Rabindra Ramanarayan Singh in the West Indies in September, 1963, the dashing all rounder made his first class debut in 1982-83 for Trinidad and then represented Tamil Nadu from 1985-86. The left-handed Robin played in 136 one-dayers for India, making 2336 runs with an 100 against Sri Lanka as his highest for an average of 25.95. He said he had lot of good moments to cherish while playing for the country but expressed regret at not being able to play more Tests. Robin made his debut in the limited overs version of the game against the West Indies in Port of Spain in 1988-89. But after the West Indies tour, he was in the wilderness and staged a comeback in India's 96-97 tour of South Africa, making a mark in the one-dayers. He played his last one-day match against Australia in Visakhapatnam, in 2000-01.

– Robin Singh retires. *Tribune.* January 25, 2004: 23.

Singh, R.P.

Mr. R.P. Singh a 1969-batch IPS officer took over as the Director-General of Tihar Jail on July 31. Singh succeeds Mr. Ajay Aggarwal following his retirement. Mr. Singh was recently promoted from the post of joint commissioner in Delhi Police. He holds considerable experience in handling the Establishment Wing of Delhi Police.

– New Tihar DG takes over. *Hindu.* August 1, 2004: 3.

Singh, R.P.

Mr. R.P. Singh, the Chairman and Manging Director of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) has been admitted to the Fellowship of Indian Academy of Engineering.

– Briefly : Honoured. *Tribune.* December 17, 2004: 17.

– Snippets : Fellowship for Powergrid CMD. *Hindu.* Dec. 14, 2004 :19.

Singh, Sangram

Mr. Sangram Singh, former Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), arrested by the CBI in connection with the fake stamp paper scam, has declared that he paid Rs. 20 crores to Veerappan to release actor Rajkumar in 2000 at the behest of the then Chief Minister, Mr. S.M. Krishna, and others. The statement has created a stir in the State.

- Ransom was paid to Veerappan, says ex-ACP. *Tribune.* July 11, 2004: 2.
- Charges baseless, says Dharam Singh. *Hindu.* July 11, 2004: 6.

Singh, Santosh

Ms. Santosh Singh who is appointed as a member of HPSC is a gold medallist in M.Sc. from Bhopal University. At present, she is doing her Ph.D. from Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak. She has a teaching experience of 22 years in science and geography.

- HPSC chief sworn in. *Hindu.* December 2, 2004: 3.

Singh, Shailendra

Mr. Shailendra Singh an officer of the Uttar Pradesh Police Service resigned on February 11. He was posted as Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) in the Special Task Force (STF) of the State Police. In his resignation letter sent to the Governor, Singh writes, "criminalisation of politics had left no scope for him to perform his duty in an honest manner".

- Shukla, J.P., DSP's resignation letter raises a storm in U.P. House. *Hindu.* February 13, 2004: 5.

Singh, Shailendra Kumar

Mr. Shailendra Kumar Singh has been appointed Governor of Arunachal Pradesh by the President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, following the expiry of term of Mr. Vinod Chandra Pande.

- Briefly: New Arunachal Governor. *Tribune.* November 23, 2004: 1.

Singh, Sumeeta (Mrs.)

Mrs. Sumeeta Singh of Karnal replaced Mrs. Anita Yadav as President of the Haryana Mahila Congress by the Congress High Command.

- Mahila Congress chief replaced. *Tribune.* January 9, 2004: 7.

Singh, T.N.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a case against Mr. T.N. Singh, former Director of the Central Mining and Research Institute on December 8, under section 120-B and 420 of the Prevention of Corruption Act in connection with the alleged bungling in the purchases.

- Briefly : CBI raids premises of mining officials. *Tribune.* December 9, 2004: 2.

Singh, Vijay

41-year-old Fijian Vijay Singh, on September 6, took over as world number one from playing partner Tiger Woods after winning the Deutsche Bank

Championship by three strokes at the Tournament Players Club of Boston (USA).

– Singh dethrones Tiger. *Tribune.* September 8, 2004: 18.

Singh, Vivek

Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Sunil Dutt announced on July 7 that the expenses incurred for the treatment of former Olympian, Vivek Singh, who is suffering from cancer would be borne either by his Ministry or from his own pocket. "Either I would pay or my Ministry."

– Unnikrishnan, M.S. Sunil Dutt's gesture to Vivek. *Tribune.* July 8, 2004 : 18.

Sinha, Dalip

Dalip Sinha, India's Deputy High Commissioner in Dhaka replaces Navtej Singh Sarna as Spokesman of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). Sarna moves as a Joint Secretary (Disarmament) in MEA.

– Singh to be MEA spokesman. *Tribune.* June 30, 2004: 2.

Sinha, J.K.

Mr J.K. Sinha, a 1969-batch Bihar Cadre IPS officer, would take over as the new Director-General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on January 31, succeeding Mr S.C. Chaube, who is superannuating. Mr sinha, is presently serving as Additional Director-General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police.

– Sinha to take over as CRPF DG. *Tribune.* January 31, 2004: 2.

Mr J.K. Sinha today took over as new Director-General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) from Mr S.C. Chaube, who retired on superannuation. Prior to this Mr Sinha, an IPS officer of the 1969 batch of the Bihar cadre, was Additional Director-General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). Mr Sinha, who has served in various capacities in the Bihar police, was promoted as Additional DG of the ITBP in June, 2001.

– Sinha takes over as CRPF chief. *Tribune.* February 1, 2004: 24.

– CRPF chief takes over. *Hindu.* February 1, 2004: 7.

Sinha, Tapan

Noted film-maker Tapan Sinha will be conferred the first Kolkata Ratna Award on July 10. The award has been instituted by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation. Sinha has directed award winning films including 'Kabuliwallah', 'Ek Doctor Ki Maut', 'Safed Hathi', etc.

– Briefly: Tapan to get first Kolkata Ratna. *Tribune.* July 5, 2004: 2.

Sinha, V.P.

BSNL CMD Prithipal Singh, whose tenure saw the state-owned Telcom going cellular and giving fierce competition to private players, has retired and Mr V.P. Sinha has taken charge of the top post of the company in New Delhi on January 1. Mr Sinha will serve as BSNL CMD in addition to his present post of Director (Planning and News Services).

– New BSNL CMD. *Tribune.* January 2, 2004: 13.

Mr. V.P. Sinha has been appointed the chairman-cum-managing director of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). Mr. Sinha has around 35 years experience in the telecommunication sector and has established a reputation as an expert on rural communications.

– Brefly: New chief of BSNL. *Hindu.* February 9, 2004: 4.

Sirdeshmukh, Trymbak Vinayak

Trymbak Vinayak Sirdeshmukh is among 22 presented with the Sahitya Akademi award for 2003 on Feb. 24. (*Hindu.* Feb. 25, 2004)

Sirhindi, Harchand Singh

Renowned Punjabi writer Dr Harchand Singh Sirhindi, belonging to Sirhind town of the district, has been awarded Shiromani Punjabi Lekhak Award-2002 by the State Government. The award consists of Rs 1 lakh in cash, a shawl and a memento. The award will be presented to Dr Sirhindi on November 28 at a State level function to be held at Patiala. Dr Sirhindi is a recipient of M.S. Randhawa Award, Dr Hargobind Khurana Award, Baba Banda Singh Award by the SGPC and Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Gold Medal. He has written more than 11 books on different topics in Punjabi.

– Punjabi Lekhak Award for Dr Sihindi. *Tribune.* November 22, 2004: 4.

Sobhini Rajan

Sobhini (21), India's top woman rower and national champion since 1997 was found dead under mysterious circumstances at her residence at Kuttanad in Alappuzha district. Police say that she had allegedly consumed poison. Media reports say that she had been facing financial problems caused by the treatment of a backbone ailment.

– Briefly : Rower found dead. *Tribune.* November 16, 2004: 18.

– Editorial : Farewell Shobini : Not just isolated suicide. *Tribune.* November 18, 2004: 10.

Sodhi, Nauvdip Kumar (Justice)

Justice Nauvdip Kumar Sodhi, the Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court has been transferred and posted as the Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court.

– Chief Justice of Madras High Court transferred. *Hindu.* November 18, 2004: 12.

Solanki, Vikram

Vikram Solanki, 28-year-old Udaipur-born cricketer has been recalled into the English cricket team to face India in the Nat West challenge series. Making his international debut against South Africa in Bloemfontein, Vikram has already hit an ODI ton against South Africa at the Oval.

– An 'Indian' in English side. *Tribune.* September 1, 2004: 20.

Somayajulu, J.V.

J.V. Somayajulu (76), veteran stage artist and film actor died at a private hospital in Hyderabad on April 27. (*Hindu.* April 28, 2004)

Sonia

Sonia, a Haryana woman and her husband Rampal have been directed by a gotra Khap panchayat of three villages— Asanda, Baproda and Kharhar to dissolve their marriage and live like brother and sister. The panchayat decision was based on the suspicion that Sonia belonged to the Rathi gotra and Rampal belonged to Dahiya gotra and the marriage between Rathi and Dahiya gotras was socially unacceptable. Panchayat announced its decision on October 10th.

– Rakesh Mohan. Accept husband as brother, woman told. *Tribune.* October 12, 2004: 1, 7.

– Raman Mohan. False pride, land greed behind Khap panchayat's order. *Tribune.* October 13, 2004: 7.

– Naqvi, L.H. The terror of Khaps: Leadership cowers before Kangaroo courts. *Sunday Tribune.* October 17, 2004: 12.

Sonia controversy came to a happy end on October 28 when the panchayat leaders of Asanda decided to validate her marriage to Rampal and accept her back in the village. Village elders also guaranteed the personal safety of Sonia and her husband Rampal.

– Raman Mohan. Sonia's struggle bears fruit : Villagers to validate her marriage. *Tribune.* October 29, 2004: 1.

Sood, Rakesh

Mr Rakesh Sood has been appointed India's next Ambassador to Afghanistan in succession to Mr Vivek Katju, the Ministry of External Affairs announced on November 4. Mr Sood is expected to take up his assignment shortly.

- Rakesh Sood India's new envoy to Afghanistan. *Tribune.* November 5, 2004: 2.

Sorabjee, Soli J.

Attorney General Soli J. Sorabjee resigned from his post on May 25 after the Congress led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) assumed power at the Centre. It was in keeping with the convention. The 74-year old Sorabjee wrote: "I am tendering my resignation from the office of the Attorney General of India to enable the new Government to take a decision in the matter of appointing the new Attorney-General." Mr. Sorabjee is a constitutional expert and a great votary of human rights.

- *Tribune.* May 26: 2.

Soren, Shibu

There was a furore in Rajya Sabha on July 14, over media reports that Union Coal Minister Shibu Soren had been declared "proclaimed offender" for his alleged involvement in a murder in 1975. House was adjourned during question hour following a pandemonium over media reports that a murder case was pending against Mr. Soren.

- Media reports on Soren rock RS : BJP questions his induction into Cabinet. *Tribune.* July 15, 2004: 16.
- Patil gives clean chit to Soren. *Tribune.* July 17, 2004: 2.
- Katyal, Anita. Laloo persuades Soren not to quit. *Tribune.* July 21, 2004: 2.

The JMM leader and Union Coal Minister, Shibu Soren, resigns from the Union Cabinet after a Jharkhand court issues a non-bailable warrant against him on July 24 in connection with the 1975 Chirudih massacre case. (*Hindu.* July 25, 2004)

- Editorial : The Soren show - Judiciary does not buy his tale. *Tribune.* July 31, 2004: 10.

The Jharkhand Police on July 21 searched the residence of Mr Soren in Delhi and questioned his staff about his whereabouts. Failing to find him, a photocopy of the non-bailable arrest warrant, issued by a court in Jamtara in Jharkhand in connection with the 1975 Chirudih massacre, was then pasted on the wall next to the main door of Mr. Soren's house.

- Where is Shibu Soren? Police searches residence, pastes arrest warrant. *Tribune.* July 22, 2004: 1, 20.
- Editorial: Show him the door: Shibu Soren has no right to continue as minister. *Tribune.* July 22, 2004: 10.

Shibu Soren submitted his resignation on July 24. He was facing a non-bailable arrest warrant.

- Ramachandran, T.R. Shibu Soren resigns. *Sunday Tribune*. July 25, 2004: 1, 24.
- Swarup, Harihar. Profile : Shibu Soren: A turbulent career. *Sunday Tribune*. July 25, 2004: 13.
- Editorial: The Soren drama. *Hindu*. July 26, 2004: 10.

The Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) Chief, Shibu Soren, was reinducted into the Union Cabinet on November 27. He also got back his old portfolio – Ministry of Coal – but lost the other half of the old charge, Ministry of Mines.

- Soren back in Union Cabinet; gets back Coal. *Hindu*. Nov 28, 2004: 1.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh today bought peace with his alliance partners when he effected a minor expansion and reshuffle of his Council of Ministers by reinducting JMM leader Shibu Soren and allocating the Labour portfolio to TRS leader K. Chandrashekhar Rao. Mr Soren, who had quit the Cabinet in July after non-bailable warrants were issued against him in a 20-year-old case, was sworn in by President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam at a brief ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Mr Soren's reinduction into the Cabinet had been on the cards eversince he was out on bail. The swearing-in ceremony was attended by a sprinkling of Cabinet Ministers while the opposition was conspicuous by its absence.

- Soren back in Cabinet, PM buys peace with alliance partners. *Tribune*. November 28, 2004: 1.

The *Tribune* writes editorialy: "The granting of bail to JMM Chief, Shibu Soren has turned out to be significant. Without the bail he would have been sent to jail. After getting the bail he has returned to the Union Cabinet. This is a peculiar situation when a man who is yet to be cleared of a 20-year old murder charge has been accommodated in the Cabinet. The happy situation for him — but not for the political system — brought about by the compulsions of coalition politics, which has led to many a norm being thrown to the wind.."

- Soren encashes the bail; a murder accused finds place in the Cabinet. *Tribune*. November 29, 2004: 10.

Soundarya

Film actress Soundarya and three others, including her brother, are killed as their plane crashed soon after takeoff from the Jakkur airfield on the outskirts of Bangalore on April 17. (*Hindu.* April 18, 2004)

Sreedhar, V.

Mr. V. Sreedhar took over as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of UCO Bank on December 10. Reports in media say that he will hold concurrent charge of CMD of the National Housing Bank (NHB).

– Sreedhar is UCO Bank CMD. *Hindu.* December 11, 2004: 16.

Srinivasan, N.

Mr. N. Srinivasan was chosen as the Director-General of the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) on March 4.

– Thomas, K. Sunil. Man of the Week: Quality pays and how! *The Week.* 22 (16). March 21, 2004: 54, 56.

Srinivasan, U.

Eminent Mandolin player, U. Srinivasan was on February 13 conferred the National Kumar Gandharva award by the Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, Uma Bharti in Bhopal.

– *Hindu.* February 15, 2004 : 7.

Srivastav, S.K. (Dr)

Dr S.K. Srivastav has taken over as Director-General of the India Meteorological Department on superannuation of Dr R.R. Kelkar. Dr Srivastav, who assumed charge from him on January 1, is an alumnus of the Benaras Hindu University (BHU). Earlier, he was President of the Commission of Instruments and Methods of Observation of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO). He is member of the Executive Council of the WMO and also India's permanent representative with the WMO.

– Srivastav is new DG of IMD. *Tribune.* January 2, 2004: 2.

Dr S.K. Srivastav the Director-General of India Meteorological Department has been charged with sexual harassment and exploitation of a woman for over a decade. Delhi police registered a criminal case against him. According to the media reports, Union Minister for Science and Technology, Kapil Sibal is defending him. Sibal has openly declared that the Government would not take any action against him till police found him guilty.

– Kapil Sibal defends IMD Director-General. *Tribune.* September 1, 2004: 2.

Subba Rao, I.V. (Dr)

Dr I.V. Subha Rao won the prestigious Borlaug Award for his contribution in the field of Soil Science and Agricultural Education.

– Borlaug award for Subba Rao... *Tribune.* January 31, 2004 : 1.

Subbalakshmi, M.S.

The Delhi Government confers Lifetime Achievement Award on M.S. Subbalakshmi on June 21. (*Hindu.* June 22, 2004)

Eminent Carnatic musician, M.S. Subbalakshmi was conferred the "Sangeetha Saraswathi Award" by the Manava Seva Kendra in Bangalore on June 25.

– Award for MS, *Hindu.* July 6, 2004: 10.

M.S. Subbalakshmi (88), the doyen of Carnatic music, passed away in Chennai on December 11. Popularly known as MS, she was conferred Padma Bhushan in 1954, Padma Vibhushan in 1975 and the Bharat Ratna in 1998. She was awarded the Ramon Magsaysay award for public service in 1974.

– M.S. Subbulakshmi cremated with full state honours. *Tribune.* December 13, 2004: 2.

– Gowri Ramnarayan. An elegant simplicity. *Hindu.* Magazine. December 19, 2004: 1.

Subhashan Reddy, B., Justice

The Madras High Court Chief Justice, B. Subhashan Reddy, is transferred and posted as the Kerala High Court Chief Justice on Nov. 17. (*Hindu.* Nov. 18, 2004)

Subramanian, Ravi

Ravi Subramanian, the prime accused in the Sankararaman murder case is arrested in Guruvayur on Dec 26. (*Hindu.* Dec 27, 2004)

Sudan, Gaurav (Capt.)

Capt. Gaurav Sudan, a young soldier of the Indian Army brought disrepute to himself and his organisation on August 11 after he, in a drunken fit, misbehaved with a girl at a bar in Chandigarh. The girl had refused to dance with Capt. Sudan. Because of his good looks the Army had cast him in its media campaign aimed at wooing smart, young recruits into its depleting ranks of officers.

– Rahul Singh. Army's poster boy earns a bar of dishonour. *Times of India.* August 15, 2004: 1.

Sudha, S.

Ms. S. Sudha, a young AIDWA leader from Tamil Nadu, is the new General

Secretary of the All-India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA). She takes over from Brinda Karat. Ms. Sudha has been a Secretary of the Organisation at the central level and has also held the post of Secretary and President of the AIDWA Tamil Nadu unit.

– Menon, Parvathi. New general secretary for AIDWA. *Hindu.* November 22, 2004: 13.

Sudheeran, V.M.

Mr. V.M. Sudheeran, former Kerala Speaker and senior Congress leader, quit the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee's executive committee on December 23 to protest against the party leadership's failure to take decisive action against Industries Minister P.K. Kunhalikkutty. Kunhalikkutty is reportedly facing serious allegations of his alleged involvement in a sex scandal.

– Sudheeran quits PCC panel. *Hindu.* Dec. 24, 2004: 9.

Sukh Ram

Former Union Minister Mr. Sukh Ram on April 12 rejoined the Congress party eight years after his expulsion from it on the charges of corruption. He said "I will not accept any public post and remain a mere worker of the Congress party till the pending cases against me are cleared".

– Sukh Ram rejoins Congress. *Tribune.* April 13, 2004: 1, 13.

Former Union Communications Minister and Himachal Vikas Party leader Sukh Ram returned to Congress on April 12 after eight years. He was earlier expelled from Congress Party after his alleged involvement in a scam. The corruption case against him still stands. He has already been convicted and is fighting his case in a higher court.

– Editorial: The prodigal returns: Sukh Ram strikes a deal. *Tribune.* April 14, 2004: 10.

During his half-an-hour deposition, CBI prosecutor Gurdial Singh questioned Mr PV Narasimha Rao, former PM about the recovery of Rs 3.62 crore from Sukh Ram's different premises by the agency in simultaneous raids on August 16 and 17, 1996, in the wake of the latter's statement earlier that the money belonged to the Congress. Mr Rao told the court that none other than the Congress treasurer was authorised to collect the money for the party and he, too, is not permitted to keep it at his residence as he has to deposit it in the party's bank account, the CBI counsel later told mediapersons, who were not allowed to be present during the examination of the former premier.

– Rao deposes against Sukh Ram. *Tribune.* November 7, 2004: 1.

Sukhdev Singh

Three Indian nationals, Sukhdev Singh, Tilak Raj and Antaryami were among the seven truck drivers who were held capitve on July 21 in Iraq by a group calling itself 'Black Flags'. They were working for a Kuwaiti firm, KGL Transport Company. The terrorist organization 'Black Flags' has threatened to execute one hostage every 72 hours if their Kuwaiti employer does not leave the country.

– India steps up efforts for release of hostages. *Tribune.* July 23, 2004: 1, 15.

The three Indians in Iraq were released on September 1, after 42 days of their incarceration. They were brought from Baghdad to Kuwait by a special plane. The release comes a day after the brutal killing of 12 Nepali hostages in Iraq.

– Sharma, Rajeev. Indian hostages released : Taken to Kuwait. *Tribune.* September 2, 2004: 1, 20.

– Editorial : Freedom at last: The hostages will see home. *Tribune.* September 2, 2004: 10.

Sunaina

Indian weightlifter Sunaina has tested positive on her 'A' and 'B' samples for the steroid 19-norandrosterone, at the Asian championships in Almaty, Kazakhstan. According to the Budapest based International Weightlifting Federation, Sunaina has been banned from all international competitions for a period of two years.

– Sunaina's 'B' sample tests positive. *Hindu.* July 11, 2004: 16.

Sunil Kumar

Former national champion Sunil Kumar of Chandigarh annexed the singles title in the Indian Oil-Servo All India Tennis Tournament held at Krishnan Tennis Centre at Suburban Kottivakkam in Chennai on January 1. The contest, which was intense in the initial stages and fizzled out into a lop-sided affair, saw Sunil defeating former champion Ajay Ramaswamy of Maharashtra 7-6 (7-3), 6-2 to bag the winner's purse of Rs 40,000. After the first set in which Sunil held his nerves to win the tie-breaker, it was total annihilation in the second as Chandigarh lad executed his groundstrokes well.

– Sunil Kumar lifts title. *Tribune.* January 2, 2004: 16.

Suprita Kaur

Twentythree-year-old twins, Namrita Kaur and Suprita Kaur, created history in the annals of the IAF on being commissioned as Flying Officers at the Air Force Academy near Hyderabad on Dec 18. (*Hindu*. Dec. 19, 2004)

Suraiya

Heart throb of yesteryear, Suraiya, who kept generations of cine-goers spell bound with her acting and singing, died in Mumbai on January 31 after a brief illness. She was 75. Suraiya was admitted to Harkishandas Hospital in South Mumbai 15 days ago for various health problems, including loss of appetite, and general weakness. The singing sensation, who sang evergreeen numbers like "Nukta chi hai game dil" and "Ye na thi hamari kismat" in "Mirza Ghalib", died at 9.25 am. Suraiya's notable films include "Afsar", "Anmol Ghadi", "Dillagi", "Mirza Ghalib", "Parwana", "Pyar ki Jeet", "Rustom Sohrab" and "Shama Parwana". The mortal remains of the legendary singing star, were laid to rest at Chandanwadi burial ground in central Mumbai. Her body was taken from her residence at Krishna Mahal to the burial ground with close friends, and family members attending the funeral.

- Suraiya is no more. *Tribune*. February 1, 2004: 1.
- Digest : Suraiya dead. *Hindu*. February 1, 2004: 1, 10.
- Kalam condoles death of Suraiya, Jog. *Hindu*. February 2, 2004: 8.

"In 1952, audiences at the packed Star Theatre in Fort.Cochin clapped in rhythm as heroine Suraiya waltzed with hero Raj Kapoor to the melody "Tara ri, yara ri". Later, the two gambolled about for another fast number "Dhadak dhadak dil dhakdke...". Raj Kapoor and Suraiyya had been co-starred for the first time and the two songs were rare instances of music director Naushad opting for western tunes. I admired Suraiya, her serene beauty and melodious singing, and wondered at the general air of mystery about her personal life. Debonair Dev Anand, who was in love with her, made six films with her and proposed to her. The then Chief Minister, Morarji Desai, told Dev Anand to give up the idea of marrying a Muslim woman because it could lead to communal riots in the city. Suraiya, living under the shadow of a strict and conservative grandmother, had to turn him down. She remained unmarried. Suraiya quit films at her peak, when she was only 39. No character roles for her. She lived in a huge Marine Drive flat and occasionally attended filmland and private parties. Suraiya had put on weight, she was always overdressed with lots of makeup and overloaded with jewellery. Her showbiz stint lasted for about 20 years. Beginning as a child playback singer, she was soon lured into films, achieving stardom with the 1946 blockbuster "Anmol Ghadi". Her songs in the film, "Socha tha kya kya ho gaya" and "Awaaz dein kahan hain", are hummed to this day. Suraiya developed special rapport with producer-director A.R. Kardar and made hit films with him, all starting with the letter "D" —"Dard", "Dillagi", "Dastaan" and "Deewana".

Her peak arrived during 1948-50 when she starred in memorable hits like "Pyar ki Jeet", "Badi Bahen" and "Dillagi". Suraiya's melodious voice was a bonus and put her far above her contemporaries — Nargis, Kamini Kaushal and Madhubala. Rather unusual, Suraiya acted in just one film with Raj Kapoor and none with Dilip Kumar. With Dev Anand, she shared honours in six films. Despite the unhappy ending, they were the most popular romantic pair and shared an admiration for Hollywood star Gregry Peck. In an industry that found playback singers in demand, top music directors vied to work with her. Though never trained in classical music, Suraiya excelled in all kinds of songs, as discovered by music directors Husanlal Bhagatram, Naushad and S.D. Burman. The 1950s did not begin well for Suraiyya, but she made it up with the successful "Mirza Ghalib" co-starring with Bharat Bhushan. The film, produced by Sohrab Modi, won the President's gold medal and had golden hits like "Yeh na thi hamari kismat" and "Dil e nadan tumhen hua kya hain". She had a memorable duet with playback singer-actor Talat Mehmood. Suraiya and music director Anil Biswas discovered each other in Nitin Bose's "Waris". The films which followed, "Shama", "Maalik" and Rustom Sohrab", despite excellent music scores, did not click at the box office. Suraiya quit the silver screen in 1959 and disappeared from the public eye."

– Best-ever singing heroine. *Tribune.* February 1, 2004: 2.

Only a fortnight after the death of actress-singer Suraiya, several claimants to her Rs. 50 crore real estate appeared before the Mumbai High Court on February 12.

– Claimants to Suraiya's properties appear before HC. *Hindu.* February 13, 2004: 5.

Surekha, V.S.

V.S. Surekha betters the National mark in women's pole vault by clearing 3.55m in the Standard Chartered Open National athletics in Mumbai on Sept 12. (*Hindu.* Sept 13, 2004)

Surinder Singh (Major)

Major Surinder Singh, a Gorkha Rifles officer, accused of fake encounters in Siachen glacier was on December 21 dismissed from service and sentenced by an Army court martial to undergo three years rigorous imprisonment. The court found him "guilty of all charges" after the court martial proceedings.

- Major Surinder Singh dismissed; gets three-year jail term. *Tribune.* December 22, 2004: 1.

Few would shed tears for Major Surinder Singh, who has been dismissed from the Army and sentenced to undergo three years rigorous imprisonment.

- Editorial : Major fraud : Disciplinary action only enhances Army's image. *Tribune.* December 23, 2004: 10.

Surjewala, Randeep Singh

The Congress Party on December 8, appointed AICC secretary and Youth Congress president Randeep Singh Surjewala as working president of the party unit in Haryana. The media views this appointment as an attempt by the Congress to woo the Jats and the youth in Haryana in the coming assembly elections.

- Surjewala Haryana Cong working president: Attempt to woo Jats, youth. *Tribune.* December 9, 2004: 1, 15.
- Gupta, Yoginder. Surjewala to 'rid state of tyranny'. *Tribune.* December 11, 2004 : 6.

Swaminathan, M.S. (Dr)

Food and Agriculture Minister Sharad Pawar indicated on May 28 that eminent agriculture scientist Dr Swaminathan would be appointed chairman of the National Commission on Farmers. Dr M.S. Swaminathan is former Director-General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and has contributed significantly to the education and research of agricultural science.

- *Tribune.* May 28: 1.

Syal, Ramesh Kant

Mr. Ramesh Kant Syal, the Managing Director of the the Golden Forest group of companies and the alleged mastermind behind the Rs. 980-crore investment fraud was on February 23 remanded to 14-day judicial custody by a Delhi court. The companies headed by him allegedly collected Rs. 980 crores from two crore people across the country.

- Rs. 980 crore fraud accused remanded. *Hindu.* February 24, 2004: 5.

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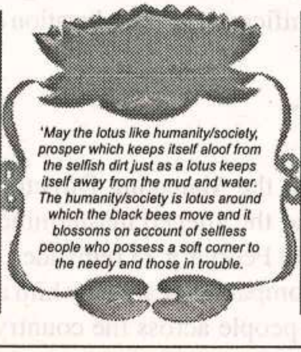

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Tagore, Sharmila

Veteran actress Sharmila Tagore was on October 13 appointed Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) in place of Anupam Kher, who has been asked to quit. Her appointment, honorary in nature, would be for three years. Tagore, who has acted with elan in Hindi and Bengali Films, assumed charge immediately.

– Sharmila to head Censor Board. *Tribune.* October 14, 2004 : 1.

Talwar, K.K. (Dr.) Prof.

Prof. (Dr.) K.K. Talwar, Professor of Cardiology at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (A.I.I.M.S.) has been selected for the Dr. B.C. Roy National Award for 2002. President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam would confer the awards on the recipient at Rashtrapati Bhavan on August 3.

– Dr. B.C. Roy awards announced. *Tribune.* August 2, 2004: 20.

Talwara, Joginder Singh

Jathedar Joginder Singh Talwara, convenor of Akhand Kirtani Jahtha died at Amritsar on January 21. He was 70 and is survived by his two sons.

– Akhand Kirtani Jahtha convenor dead. *Tribune.* January 22, 2004: 5.

Tamizhanban

Tamil Poet Tamizhanban won the Sahitya Akademi Award for 2004 on Dec 22. (*Hindu.* Dec. 23, 2004)

Tandon, Lalji

Uttar Pradesh BJP leader Mr. Lalji Tandon's birthday party in Lucknow on April 12 turned into a disaster when about 21 women were killed in a stampede during free distribution of sarees on the occasion. His function, especially after the announcement of the Parliamentary elections has created a lot of controversy, more so because Lucknow also happens to be the constituency of Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee. A senior police officer said that no permission was sought by the organisers to hold a function of this magnitude.

– 21 die in PM's constituency stampede during distribution of sarees in Lucknow. *Tribune.* April 13, 2004: 1, 13.

Election Commission on April 16 registered a bribery case against BJP leader Lalji Tandon and others in the Lucknow saree stampede incident in which 22 women and children lost their lives. It also issued show cause notice to the BJP for violating the Model Code of Conduct.

– Suryamurthy, R. EC: file case against Tandon - Lucknow stampede deaths. *Tribune.* April 17, 2004: 1, 19.

– Editorial: Not a shining campaign: Stampede a throwback to the past. *Tribune.* April 14, 2004: 10.

Tandon, Prakash

Prakash Tandon (93), the first celebrated Indian professoinal manager of the 20th century and the most renowned Chairman of Hindustan Lever passed away in September 2004 in Pune. Tandon, led the first professional management movement in India, helped lay the foundation of management education (IIM-Ahmedabad) and set parameters of accountability, performance and social concerns that have now become management standards. He was former chairman of the State Trading Corporation, Punjab National Bank and former Director-General of National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER).

– Khan, Irfan. First Professional manager of India. *Tribune.* September 28, 2004: 11.

Tandon, Raveena

Bollywood star Raveena Tandon is to marry her boy-friend Anil Thadani - The film distributor in Udaipur on February 22.

– Raveena, fiance arrive in Udaipur for wedding. *Hindu.* February 20, 2004 : 8.

Tanvir, Habib

Eminent theatre personality Mr. Habib Tanvir was on October 17 conferred the Legends of India Lifetime Award for his contribution to folk theatre.

– Briefly : Lifetime award for Tanvir. .*Tribune.* October 19, 2004: 2.

Tara, Jagtar Singh

Jagtar Singh Tara, an accused in Beant Singh assassination case fled from Burail Jail through a 94-foot long tunnel on January 22 alongwith his two companions.

– Beant case accused flee. *Tribune.* 23, 2004: 1.

Tarkunde, V.M.

V.M. Tarkunde (94), eminent jurist and champion of human rights died in New Delhi after a prolonged illness on March 22. (*Hindu.* March 23, 2004)

Tarlochan Singh

Tarlochan Singh, Chairman of the National Minorities Commission was elected to the Rajya Sabha from Haryana in Chandigarh on June 28. He polled 28 first preference votes. After his election he said: It is for the first time that an independent person committed to the cause of the minorities will go to Parliament without any political bias. I am not in active politics. Still the people's representatives in Haryana have reposed their confidence in me. It will be now my duty to serve the state, the nation and the minorities. After the Supreme Court verdict on the SYL canal, individual opinions do not matter. The verdict has to be implemented. Defections by independent members, followed by their disqualification, made it easy for Tarlochan Singh, backed by the INLD, BJP, BSP and some Independents, to win the election.

– Tarlochan, Ajay Chautala make it to Rajya Sabha. *Tribune*. June 29, 2004: 1.

Taslimuddin, Mohammed

Mr. Mohd. Taslimuddin, who has been inducted in the Council of Minister of the Congress led United Progressive Alliance recently on the insistence of Laloo Prasad Yadav, is a criminal on bail involved in as many as 11 cases of attempt to murder, extortion, Arms Act, etc.

The first case against Mr Taslimuddin was filed by the Araria police in 1986 under Sections 341/342/323/307/506/379/34 of the Indian Penal Code. The charges against him related to assault, attempt to murder and snatching of valuables by wrongful confinement.

Mr. Taslimuddin's criminal career proceeds with an unerring pattern. In the same year, at the same police station cases were filed against him for attempt to commit murder and assault of public servants.

Yet another case was registered against him in the same year under Sections 409/420/467/468/47 of the IPC. This time the charges related to cheating and possession of forged documents.

Even the Laloo Yadav government in 1996 filed cases against him under Sections 147/148/149/307 of the IPC, the Arms Act and the Explosive Substances Act. He was accused of attempting to commit murder, organising unlawful assembly of persons and using firearms and explosives.

The next year the RJD government filed fresh cases charging him with assault, mischief and extortion. Interestingly, there is even a case in which the charges against him are attempt to commit suicide and cause defamation of his opponents.

Mr. Taslimuddin was earlier foisted on the H.D. Deve Gowda-led United Front government in 1996 as Minister of State for Home by Mr Laloo Prasad Yadav.

Following an uproar over his criminal antecedents, he was forced to quit office within eight weeks. Apart from his criminal record, Mr Taslimuddin is not educationally qualified to hold as important a post as Minister of State for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.

– *Tribune.* May 26: 1.

Mohammad Taslimuddin, the Minister of State for Consumer Affairs is facing difficult times these days for his alleged tainted past. He is in the media flare for the past two fortnights or so. BJP on August 13 asked the Prime Minister to "confirm or deny" if any arrest warrant had been issued against the Minister. Media reports had earlier reported that a court in Bihar had issued arrest warrant against Taslimuddin.

– BJP pulls up govt. on Taslimuddin. *Tribune.* August 14, 2004: 2.

The Bihar Government on August 14 withdrew the criminal case against Union Minister Mohammed Taslimuddin. The state Law Minister claimed that the state government was empowered to review such cases.

– Bihar withdraws case against Taslimuddin. *Tribune.* August 15, 2004 : 10.

A Patna court issued non-bailable arrest warrant against Union Minister of State for Civil Supplies Mohammad Taslimuddin on the charge of committing a fraud after a cheque issued by him for purchase of vehicle was dishonoured.

– Fraud case against Taslimuddin. *Tribune.* November 10, 2004: 2.

A local court on November 11, granted bail to Union Minister Mohammad Taslimuddin in cheque bouncing case.

– Taslimuddin gets bail. *Tribune.* November 12, 2004: 2.

Tata, Ratan

Ratan Tata the Chairman of Tata group of companies was conferred the title of honorary economic adviseor to the east Chinese city of Hangzhou by its mayor Mao Linsheng, on February 11.

– Honour for Ratan Tata. *Hindu.* February 12, 2004 : 16.

Industrialist Ratan Tata was on February 23 picked up by the Government to head a high-level steering group to draw up an action plan for promoting hydrogen usage including commercialisation of technologies for vehicles based on alternative fuled.

- Ratan Tata to head group on hydrogen energy. *Hindu.* February 24, 2004: 12.
- Ratan Tata to head group on hydrogen energy. *Hindu.* February 25, 2004 : 3.

Go beyond Indica, India's first indigenous car, says the Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh to the Tata group after presenting the CSIR's diamond jubilee technology award to Ratan Tata, Chairman, Tata Motors at a function, in New Delhi on Sept. 13. (*Hindu.* Sept. 14, 2004)

Mr. Ratan N. Tata, the Chairman of Tata Motors, was made the honorary citizen of North Jeolla Province by Kong Hyon-wook, Governor of Jeollabuk-do, Provincial Government. The Tata Daewoo Commercial Vehicle Company is located in this province of South Korea.

- In brief: Tata honoured. *Hindu.* October 15, 2004: 16.

Tata group on October 13 signed an Expression of Interest (EOI) with the Bangladesh's Board of Investment (BoI), getting a go ahead for its planned $ 2 billion investment, the biggest investment in Bangladesh since independence.

- Habib, Haroon. Tatas sign $ 2 billion deal with Bangladesh. *Hindu.* October 15, 2004: 16.

Tata Group chairman, Ratan Tata was on December 5 appointed as the head of the three-member Investment Commission by the Union Finance Minister, Mr. P. Chidambaram. Deepak Parekh and Asoke Ganguly being the other two members.

- Choudhury Gaurav. FDI limit in pvt. banks to be 74 pc. *Tribune.* December 6, 2004: 1, 20.
- Editorial : Roping in Ratan Tata : Smoothening the path of investment. *Tribune.* December 7, 2004: 10.

Tejinder Singh

Former national champion Tejinder Singh set a new record in the men's 85 kg class but still finished second on the penultimate day of the National Weightlifting Championships in New Delhi on January 17. The Police Services Board lifter broke his own snatch record (150kg in 1999) hoisting 150.5 kg in his third attempt. In the clean and jerk, Tejinder managed only 170kg and finished with an overall 320 kg (150+170) to finish behind G. Senthil Kumar of Railways who won the gold, lifting a total of 322.5 kg (147.5 + 175.)

- Tejinder sets record. *Tribune.* January 18, 2004: 22.

Tendulkar, Sachin

Sachin Tendulkar on January 2 became the fourth cricketer in the world to score 9,000 Test runs when he reached 36 in the fourth and final Cricket Test between India and Australia in Sydney. Tendulkar achieved the milestone when he took a single off Jason Gillespie during India's first innings on the opening day of the match at the Sydney Cricket Ground. The 30-year-old, a veteran of 111 Tests, is now fourth on the all-time Test scores' list, behind Allan Border (11,174), Steve Waugh (10,807) and Sunil Gavaskar (10,122).

– Sachin joins 9,000 run club. *Tribune.* January 3, 2004:19.

Sachin Tendulkar equals Sunil Gavaskar's record of 34 Test centuries in Dhaka on Dec 11. (*Hindu.* Dec 12, 2004)

Thakur, Amitabh

Mr. Amitabh Thakur, a 1992-batch IPS officer and the Superintendent of Police, Gonda (U.P) has been suspended by the Uttar Pradesh Government for allegedly failing to control crime situation in the district and acting in an "irresponsible manner" regarding the posting of station officers in the district.

– Gonda SP suspended. *Hindu.* January 1, 2005; 5.

Thakur, C.P.

The CBI on January 16 carried out searches at 15 places in the national Capital, including the residence of Additional Private Secretary and a former Officer on Special Duty attached to Union Minister C.P. Thakur, in connection with the alleged bungling in the CGHS dispensaries. The raids began this morning after the CBI registered two separate cases of alleged bunglings in the supply and purchase of drugs for the CGHS dispensaries and empanelment of chemists under various government schemes, the CBI sources said. Among those booked by the CBI were Sudharshan Kumar, Additional Private Secretary of Thakur and Gunjan Kumar, his former OSD when he was Union Health Minister till June, 2002. The CBI also carried out searches at the residence of a former Director-General of the CGHS and Controller of Accounts of the Union Health Ministry, besides some chemists. Union Small Scale Industries Minister C.P. Thakur sought to distance himself from the CGHS purchase scam during his tenure as Health Minister, saying "medicine procurement does not take place at the ministerial level".

– CBI raids premises of Thakur's secretary. *Tribune.* January 17, 2004: 1.

C.P. Thakur former Health Minister is among 54 eminent persons who are to get Dr. B.C. Roy National Awards on August 3. (*Hindu.* August 4, 2004)

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a case against the former Union Minister Mr. C.P. Thakur on the charges of favouritism in the allotment of a shop in the PGI, Chandigarh.

– FIR against C.P. Thakur. *Tribune.* August 10, 2004 : 20.

Thakur, Rameshwar

Mr. Rameshwar Thakur, veteran Congress leader and former Union Minister was on November 16, appointed the Governor of Orissa. Thakur comes from Bihar, is a law graduate and a Rajya Sabha member.

– Rameshwar Thakur new Orissa Governor. *Tribune.* Nov 17, 2004 : 2.

Thakur Singh (Baba)

Baba Thakur Singh (89), the acting head of Damdami Taksal passed away in Amritsar on December 24. He had taken over as acting head of Damdami Taksal in June 1984 immediately after the Operation Bluestar and served for 20 years.

– Briefly : Damdami Taksal chief Thakur Singh dead. *Tribune.* December 25, 2004: 1, 5.

Thengdi, Dattopant

Dattopant Thengdi, veteran labour union leader and founder of the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, passed away in Pune on October 14. Thengdi also founded the Bharatiya Kisan Sangh to take up issues of farmers.

– Thengadi dead. *Hindu.* October 15, 2004: 11.

Thomas, A.M.

A.M. Thomas (92), former Union Minister died at Kochi on April 27. (*Hindu.* April 28, 2004).

Tirkey, Dilip

Ending its experiment with youngsters, the Indian Hockey Federation on February 1 announced a near full strength squad for the upcoming three-Test series against Olympic champions Holland beginning in Hyderabad on February 5. The 21-member team to be led by defender Dilip Tirkey, has just one new face in William Xalco. Rajinder Singh will be the team coach. Mercurial forward Dhanraj Pillay, who was injured during the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup last month in Malaysia, was left out of the squad.

– Dilip Tirkey named hockey captain. *Tribune.* February 2, 2004: 17.

Tohra, Gurcharan Singh

The SGPC chief, G.S. Tohra is among eight elected unopposed to the Rajya

Sabha on March 19. (*Hindu.* March 20, 2004)

Tohra (79) died of a heart attack in a private hospital, in New Delhi on March 31. (*Hindu.* April 1, 2004)

Mr. Gurcharan Singh Tohra, the senior Akali leader and chief of the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) passed away in Delhi on March 31.

– Jangveer Singh. The sun sets in Tohra village. *Tribune.* April 2, 2004 : 1, 5.

– Gill, Himmat Singh. Obituary : A colossus who strode the Punjab scene: Honesty was a byword for G.S. Tohra. *Tribune.* April 2, 2004: 11.

– Editorial : Tohra the titan : Sikh Panth has lost on icon. *Tribune.* April 2, 2004: 10.

– Dhaliwal, Sarbjit. News Analysis: Impact of Tohra's death on Punjab politics. *Tribune.* April 2, 2004: 20.

– Singh, Jangveer. Panth Ratan Award conferred on Tohra. *Tribune.* April 12, 2004: 3.

Tripathi, D.N. (Prof.)

Prof. D.N. Tripathi was on February 7 appointed as the new Chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) for a period of three years. Prof Tripathi is an Ancient Indian historian and the seniormost member of the Indian Council of Historial Research (ICHR).

– D.N. Tripathi, ICHR Chairman. *Hindu.* February 7, 2004: 12.

Tripathi, P.K.

Mr. P.K. Tripathi, Delhi's Principal Secretary (Finance) was on October 14 transferred to the Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry in the rank of Joint Secretary. According to the media reports the sudden transfer of Mr. Tripathi, who was appointed as Delhi's Principal Secretary (Finance) on August 1 has upset the calculations of the Delhi Government which is finding it extremely difficult to find a replacement of Tripathi.

– Tripathi moves to Centre. *Hindu.* October 15, 2004: 4.

Trivedi, Suresh (Dr)

Nephrologist Dr Suresh Trivedi of the Bombay Hospital, arrested on the charge of acting as a middleman in the kidney transplant racket case, was on January 29 released on bail by a local court. The court granted bail to Trivedi on a bond of Rs 50,000 and asked him not to leave the country without the permission of the court.

– Doctor gets bail in Kidney case. *Tribune.* January 30, 2004: 2.

Triveni Singh, Lieut.

Lieut. Triveni Singh gunned down two militants in virtual one-to-one battle on January 2 night at Jammu Railway Station before laying down his life. Reaching the spot within 10 minutes of the attack, Lieut. Triveni Singh and his quick reaction team of "Ghatak Commandoes" cordoned off the station and employed "zigzag methodology" to come at a close range of the militants, a senior General Railways Police officer, who was at the scene, said. Risking his life, he faced indiscriminate firing and lobbing of grenades and succeeded in killing one of the militants to take charge of the "uncontrollable" situation, the official said. The militant was killed near the bridge between the first and the second platforms, he said. The second militant, dressed in a combat dress, while trying to escape threw a grenade at him but the seriously injured officer stood up and killed him. "Task accomplished, " the Lieutenant said and saluted the GOC before he laid down his life. Lieut Triveni Singh, who was commissioned in 5 Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry in 2001, was a "brave and sharp boy", said Maj-Gen Rajinder Singh.

– Real hero Lieut Triveni. *Tribune.* January 4, 2004: 24.

Late Lt Triveni Singh of J&K Light Infantry, who led a quick reaction team and silenced two militants who had attacked Jammu Railway Station on January 2, would he honoured with Ashok Chakra on the 26th January by the President of India.

– Ashok Chakra for two. *Tribune.* January 23, 2004: 2.

Turner, Sukhi

Ms Sukhi Turner, Mayor of Dunedin City, New Zealand is being honoured with the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman this year by the Prime Minister on January 9. She is the youngest and the first woman Mayor of Dunedin.

– Samman for two Punjabis. *Tribune.* January 9, 2004: 2.

Tyagi, S.P., Air Chief Marshal

Air Chief Marshal S.P. Tyagi is named the next IAF chief on Oct. 31. (*Hindu.* Nov. 1, 2004)

Air Chief Marshal S.P. Tyagi takes over as the Chief of Air Staff from Air Chief Marshal S. Krishnaswamy on Dec 31. (*Hindu.* January 1, 2005)

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Uike, Anusuiya

Ms. Anusuiya Uike was on February 17 nominated as a member of the National Commission for Women (NCW) for the second time by the Central Government. She will hold office for a term of three years. She is a tribal from Madhya Pradesh and has served as a Minister in the State.

– New NCW member. *Hindu.* February 18, 2004 : 13.

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Vaidya, A.L., Justice

The Himachal Pradesh High Court on January 6 issued notice to the Chief Secretary, and acting Chairman, Justice A.L. Vaidya (retd), of the State Human Rights Commission in connection with the appointment of a permanent Chairperson of the Commission. Acting on a public interest litigation petition filed by Mr Diwan Chand Verma, a Division Bench comprising the Chief Justice, Vinod Kumar Gupta, and Mr Justice M.R. Verma further directed the Chief Secretary to file a reply before February 24. The petitioner has prayed that the notification issued with regard to the member of the Commission, Justice Vaidya (retd), authorising him to act as the Chairman be set aside and the State Government be directed to appoint a Chairperson of the State Human Rights Commission in conformity with the provisions of the Human Rights Act. It has been alleged that Justice Vaidya does not fulfil the requisite qualification to be the Chairperson of the Commission. According to the Act, only a retired Chief Justice of the High Court can be appointed as the Chairperson of the Commission.

- HC issues notices on appointment of rights panal chief. *Tribune.* January 7, 2004: 8.

Vaiko

MDMK General Secretary and POTA detenu Vaiko was granted bail on February 7. He was lodged in Vellore Central Jail. He described his 19-month stay in jail as "an unforgettable boon in his public life".

- Radhakrishnan, R.K. and P.V.V. Murthi. Vaiko released, begins campaigning. *Hindu.* February 8, 2004: 1.

The MDMK General Secretary, Vaiko, a POTA detenu, is released on bail on Feb 7, after spending 19 months in the Vellore Central Jail. (*Hindu.* February 8, 2004)

Vajpayee, Atal Behari

Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee has declined an honorary doctorate proposed to be conferred upon him by Maharaja Sayajirao University, Vadodara. "The Prime Minister has conveyed in principle that he was not inclined to accept the degree", Vice-Chancellor of M.S. University Dr K.C. Upadhyaya said. Dr Upadhyaya said he had written to the Prime Minister conveying the decision of the Syndicate (Executive Council) to confer upon him the honorary doctorate and seeking his consent to accept. However, the Prime Minister declined the offer while thanking the University for the gesture, Dr Upadhyaya said.

– Vajpayee declines honorary doctorate. *Tribune.* January 5, 2004: 2.

P.M. Vajpayee lifts ceiling on overseas investments by Indian corporates during second Pravasi Bharatiya Divas conference on Jan 9 in New Delhi. (*Hindu.* Jan. 10, 2004)

P.M. Vajpayee launches the Krishi Television Channel in New Delhi on Jan 21. (*Hindu.* Jan. 22, 2004)

P.M. Vajpayee said in New Delhi at a convention on peace: We have to change South Asia's image and standing in the world. We must make the bold transition from mistrust to trust, from discord to concord and from tension to peace. (*Hindu.* Feb.1, 2004)

P.M. Vajpayee launched a social security scheme for the unorganised sector at a function in Lucknow on Feb 22. (*Hindu.* Feb. 23, 2004)

"We want permanent peace. India and Pakistan are neighbours and have to live together," says the Prime Minister, A.B. Vajpayee, at a rally in Jammu on April 14. (*Hindu.* April 15, 2004)

The Congress-led coalition is swept to power at the Centre in an upset verdict, first of its kind since 1977. The DMK front sweeps polls in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry bagging all 40 Lok Sabha seats. The outgoing Prime Minister, A.B. Vajpayee, submits his resignation on May 13. (*Hindu.* May 14, 2004).

Former Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee on July 4, disagreed that the Gujarat riots were in anyway responsible for the poor show of his Party during the recent Parliamentary elections. Taking a U-turn on the issue he said, "The riots and elections are unrelated issues".

– Poor showing not due to Gujarat riots, says Vajpayee. *Tribune.* July 5, 2004: 2.

Varghese, Cherian

Mr. Cherian Varghese has been appointed the Chairman and Managing Director of the Union Bank of India. Earlier he was the CMD of Corporation Bank.

– Chopra to head Corporation Bank. *Hindu.* December 11, 2004: 16.

Vaze, Sachin

The Special Court on June 28 confirmed the bail of suspended police officer Sachin Vaze who was on interim bail in the Sayed Khwaja Yunus custodial death case, one of prime accused in the December 2000 Ghatkopar blast incident. Passing an order on the bail application of Vaze, the Special Court Judge Ashok Bhangale said in absence of *prima facie* evidence against the accused, his bail would continue until filing of the chargesheet against him. Advocate Shrikant Shivade, representing Vaze, had argued that there is no allegation of tampering with the evidence or hampering the witnesses against the accused. Furthermore, his track record as a police officer had been good.

– Sachin Vaze's bail confirmed. *Tribune.* June 29, 2004:13.

Veerappa, Ramachandrappa

Ramachandrappa Veerappa (96), India's oldest parliamentarian, died in a Hyderabad Hospital on July 18. (*Hindu.* July 19, 2004)

Veerappan, Koose Muniswamy

Veerappan (52) India's most wanted and elusive brigand was shot dead by the Tamil Nadu's Special Task Force (STF) commandos in Dharmapuri on October 18. He was killed after a fierce 20-minute gun battle near Papparapatti village of Dharmapuri district, some 300 km. from Chennai.

– Veerappan shot: Bandit King lured into fatal ambush. *Times of India.* October 20, 2004: 1, 21.

– India's most wanted criminal killed: View-Counterview. *Times of India.* October 20, 2004: 14.

– 'Veerappan had plans to kidnap Kanchi seer'. *Tribune.* October 26, 2004: 16.

– Nambath, Suresh. Jungle drama. *Hindu Magazine.* October 31, 2004: 1.

Venkaiah Naidu, M.

M. Venkaiah Naidu quits as the BJP president and L.K. Advani takes over the reins on Oct. 18. (*Hindu.* Oct. 19, 2004)

Venkatachaliah, M.N.

Fomer Chief Justice of India, M.N. Venkatachaliah gets Padma Vibhushan award on the 55th Republic Day for his services to the nation.

– Padma Vibhushan for Narlikar and Justice Venkatachaliah. *Tribune.* January 26, 2004: 1.

M.N. Venkatachaliah was honoured with Padma Vibhushan on June 30. (*Hindu.* July 1, 2004)

Venkataramana, C.

Mr. C. Venkataramana, the Chairman and Managing Director of the State owned National Aluminium Corporation (NALCO) was arrested in Mumbai on February 25. Later he was granted bail. A woman employee of the company had complained against him for sexual harassment. Venkataramana denied all the allegations by the woman.

– Case registered against NALCO chief. *Hindu.* February 14, 2004: 11.

– NALCO chief held, granted bail. *Hindu.* February 26, 2004: 11.

Venkatasubramanian, K.

K. Venkatasubramanian (75) , educationist died of cardiac arrest at a Chennai hospital on Nov. 10. (*Hindu.* Nov. 11, 2004)

Venkatesan, Ravi

Mr. Ravi Venkatesan an IIT Bombay alumnus, was on February 2 appointed as the Chairman and General Manager of Microsoft India. He will head Microsoft India. Mr Venkatesan had earlier served as Chairman of Cummins India, a U.S. - based firm.

– Ravi Venkatesan to head Microsoft India. *Hindu.* February 3, 2004: 18.

Venkatesh, K.

25-year-old K. Venkatesh is suffering from an incurable muscular disorder. His mother has moved the Andhra Pradesh High Court in Hyderabad for getting a mercy death.

– Briefly : Youth pleads for mercy killing. *Tribune.* December 11, 2004: 1.

The Andhra Pradesh High Court on December 15 rejected the writ petition pleading for advancing the death of Venkatesh who wanted to donate organs.

– HC says no to euthanasia. *Tribune.* December 16, 2004: 20.

Venkatesh (25) passed away on December 17 at a private hospital in Hyderabad. A native of Vijayawada, Vankatesh was afflicted with muscular dystrophy. He shot into public consciousness when he had unsuccessfully pleaded with the Andhra Pradesh High Court for taking away his life to help retrieve his organs.

– Kandula, Ramesh. Venkatesh dies with wish unfulfilled: Mother vows to carry on the fight. *Tribune.* December 18, 2004: 2.

– Iyer, Lalita. End game : Patient's death highlights issues like euthanasia and organ donation. *The Week.* 23(5) January 2, 2005: 54.

Venkatesh, S.

S. Venkatesh, Mahindra United mid-fielder has been adjudged the country's Best Player of the year by the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

– Football : Venkatesh is player of the year. *Hindu.* December 29, 2004 : 17.

– D'Souza, Stanislaus. Venkatesh wants more ties against foreign teams. *Times of India.* December 30, 2004 : 16.

Venkatraghavan, Srinivas

Umpire Srinivas Venkatraghavan felicitated by the International Cricket Council for his outstanding service to the game on Sept 19. (*Hindu.* Sept 20, 2004)

Venu, Nedumudi

Nedumudi Venu was adjudged the best actor at the Kerala State Film Awards 2003 function in Thiruvananthapuram on March 3. (*Hindu.* March 4, 2004)

Venugopal Rao, M.

Mr. M. Venugopal Rao (81) a senior journalist and former editor of the *Link* passed away in New Delhi on August 1. He had also worked with the *Hindustan Times*, The *Statesman* and the *Patriot.*

– Briefly: Scribe Venugopal Rao dead. *Tribune.* August 2, 2004: 2.

Venugopal Reddy, Y.

Y. Venugopal Reddy, dedicates to the nation the National Financial Switch which facilitates connectivity between bank's switches and their ATMs, in Hyderabad on Aug. 27. (*Hindu.* Aug. 28, 2004)

Venugopalan, M.

Mr. M. Venugopalan has been appointed as Chairman of the Aluva-based Federal Bank. Venugopalan is presently CMD of the Bank of India. He began his career with the Canara Bank and has also served the Union Bank of India as its Executive Director.

– Venugopalan new chief of Federal Bank. *Hindu.* December 14, 2004: 19.

Verma, Gopal Das

Mr Gopal Das Verma, a former President of the H.P. Non-Gazetted Services Federation, was dismissed from service on the charge of misusing government funds and house loan. Mr Verma had been facing a number of inquiries some of these instituted by the previous Dhumal regime. A spokesman of the Fire Services Department said that the charges against him had been substantiated.

– Employee leader Gopal Das Verma's services terminated. *Tribune.* January 13, 2004: 8.

Verma, L.R. (Dr)

Dr. L.R. Verma, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Himachal Pradesh University, was on January 1 appointed Vice-Chancellor of the University. A notification in this regard was issued by Raj Bhavan. The post had been lying vacant since Dr S.D. Sharma resigned in the wake of his indictment by two probes ordered by the Governor, Mr V.S. Kokje, into financial and administrative irregularities in the institution. Dr Verma had been functioning as Pro-Vice-Chancellor ever since. A specialist in mountain development and biodiversity, Dr Verma became Vice-Chancellor of Dr Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry in 1994.

– L.R. Verma is H.P. varsity VC. *Tribune.* January 2, 2004: 6.

Verma, M.R., Justice

Mr M.R. Verma, Additional Judge, Himachal Pradesh High Court was sworn in as Judge in Shimla on January 1. Mr Vinod Kumar Gupta, Chief Justice, administered the oath at a ceremony at which a large number of dignitaries, judges of the High Court and members of the Bar Council were present. Born on June 30, 1943, at Dharoi-Sandoa village of Suni tehsil in Shimla district in an agricultural family, Mr Justice Verma entered the legal profession in 1967 and practised in civil, criminal and revenue law in the district courts of Mahasu and Shimla. He became the District and Sessions Judge, Mandi, in 1980. He was the Registrar of the High Court from 1987 to 1990 and 1995 to 1999.

– M.R. Verma sworn in as HC Judge. *Tribune.* January 2, 2004: 14.

Verma, P.K.

Mr P.K. Verma joined on January 1 as the Resident Director of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) in Chandigarh. He was with the PTL Group for over three decades and was the Executive Director when he demitted office on December 31, 2003 on attaining superanuation.

– PHDCCI Director. *Tribune.* January 2, 2004: 13.

Vij, N.C. (General)

Army Chief, General N.C. Vij arrived in Shanghai on December 22 for his week long trip to China. According to media reports this visit is aimed at boosting mutual trust and defence cooperation.

– Joseph, Anil K. Gen Vij visits Chinese military units. *Tribune.* December 24, 2004: 9.

– Army chief for China. *Tribune.* December 22, 2004 : 13.

Vijay Singh

Mr. Vijay Singh, an IAS officer of 1970 batch was appointed the Chief Secretary of Madhya Pradesh on September 28. He had been holding the post of Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

- Vijay Singh to assume charge today. *Hindu.* October 1, 2004: 5.

Vijayaraghvan, Rajiv

Rajiv Vijayaraghvan's "Margam" bags the best feature film award at the Kerala State Film Awards 2003 function in Thiruvananthapuram on March 3. (*Hindu.* March 4, 2004)

Vikas Pratap

The Punjab Government on January 1 appointed Mr Vikash Pratap as the new Managing Director (MD) of Milkfed in an administrative reshuffle in Chandigarh. According to an official notification issued here, Ms Raji P. Srivastava has been shifted from the charge of the Milkfed MD to the Additional Chief Administrator of Punjab Urban Development Authority (PUDA).

- New Milkfed M.D. *Tribune.* January 2, 2004: 13.

Vimala Raman

Vimala Raman, 22-year-old database analyst from Sydney was crowned Miss India Australia-2004 at a glittering ceremony in Sydney on October 24. She was chosen from among 20 participants of Indian origin from across the country.

- Vimala Raman crowned Miss India Australia. *Tribune.* October 29, 2004: 9.

Vinayak, Aasis

Aasis Vinayak, an 11th class student in SDA School in Pathanamthitta is a physics prodigy. His invention, a low energy water-drawing system that he has developed has drawn national and international attention. President has invited him for a 10-minute discussion on his theory ofAbsolute Creativity, which according to him, explains the origin of universe.

- Young innovator gets invitation from Kalam. *Hindu.* December 10, 2004:7.

Virk, S.S.

The Central Government on December 21 issued a chargesheet against Mr. S.S. Virk, the Additional Director-General of Police (ADGP) for "wilful disobedience" of orders terminating his inter-cadre depution. Disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against him. Virk, a 1970-batch IPS officer of Maharashtra-cadre, according to the media reports was in fray for the post of Punjab's DGP.

- Malik, Saurabh. Chargesheet against ADGP Virk: Blamed for overstaying in Punjab. *Tribune.* December 24, 2004:5.
- Dhaliwal, Sarbjit. No one backed Virk's extension, Patil tells CM. *Tribune.* December 28, 2004: 5.

Vyas, Daya'

Yoga teacher Daya Vyas (79) who imparted lessons to former US President Bill Clinton and a host of Hollywood stars passed away in Jaipur on October 18. Daya Vyas taught Cconomics. She at Banasthali Vidyapeeth was known for her knowledge of yoga.

- Jaipur bids farewell to yoga guru Vyas. *Times of India.* October 20, 2004: 8.

W

Wagle, Nikhil

Nikhil Wagle, Editor of Marathi evening newspaper, *Mahanagar* and his colleague Yuvaraj Mohite were attacked on August 28, allegedly by Shiv Sena activists. While police arrested some people including leaders of the Shiv Sena, Maharashtra Government has ordered CID inquiry into the incident.

– Maharashtra CID to probe attack on Editor. *Tribune*. September 2, 2004 : 2.

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Yadav, Akku

Akku Yadav, a notorious gangster of Nagpur was lynched by women who stormed the court premises on August 13. Yadav and his gang indulged in indiscriminate raping of women living in Kasturba Nagar area of Nagpur. Though there were 24 cases of extortion, murder and eve-teasing against Yadav, no case of rape was registered against him. Five women accused of being part of the mob that lynched Yadav were given bail by the district court of Nagpur.

– Editorial : Killer mob: A chilling display of public impatience. *Tribune.* August 16, 2004: 10.

– Bail for women accused of lynching gangster. *Tribune.* August 19, 2004 : 2.

Yadav, Ashok

Mr. Ashok Yadav, the former BJP Minister in Uttar Pradesh rejoined the Congress party on January 31. According to the media reports the Congress Party has got a boost with Yadav's re-admission to the party fold.

– Former BJP Minister joins Congress. *Hindu.* February 1, 2004: 8.

Yadav, C. Krishna

Mr. C. Krishna Yadav, the former Telugu Desam Party MLA who was expelled from the party for his alleged involvement in the multi-crore stamp paper scam has denied taking Rs 32 lakhs from Abdul Karim Telgi, the prime accused in the case.

– Krishna Yadav denies taking money from Telgi. *Hindu.* February 11, 2004 : 11.

Yadav, D.P.

Uttar Pradesh strongman Mr. D.P. Yadav was inducted into the Bharatiya Janata Party on February 20. BJP on February 24 withdrew membership for Mr. Yadav following days of criticism in the media revolving round a number of charges that Yadav had faced in different places.

– Vyas, Neena. D.P. Yadav out of BJP. *Hindu.* February 25, 2004: 1.

– Editorial : Elections and musclemen. *Hindu.* February 26, 2004 : 10.

Yadav, Laloo Prasad

Dr Naresh Raj from Patiala writes to the Editor, *Tribune:* Mr Laloo Prasad Yadav, former Chief Minister of Bihar and President of Rashtriya Janta Dal, will soon call himself as Dr Laloo Prasad Yadav, thanks to the unanimous decision of the Syndicate of Patna University. What a downfall! The conduct of the Syndicate and of Vice-Chancellor Dr K.K. Jha force me to hang my head in shame. The following couplet of Dr Iqbal is for the likes of Dr Jha: "Lekin mujhae paida kiya us mulk maen tune, Jis mulk ke bande hae gulami pe trajmand".

– What a down fall ! *Tribune.* January 2, 2004: 10.

Amid hullabaloo over conferring of honorary doctorate on RJD chief Laloo Prasad Yadav by Patna University at its convocation function on January 11, Mr Yadav has refused to accept the honour. Mr Yadav had reportedly taken the decision following the uproar, which had rocked the State after a proposal in this regard was mooted at the Patna University Syndicate meeting on December 20. Subsequently, differences cropped up among Syndicate's senior teachers and Deans over the proposal. Later, the Syndicate authorised Vice-Chancellor K.K. Jha to put the proposal before the Governor and Chancellor M. Rama Jois for his approval.

- Laloo refuses to accept honorary doctorate. *Tribune.* January 12, 2004 : 2.

The Railway Minister Laloo Prasad Yadav, presents a Rs. 14,498-crore "people-friendly budget," leaving passenger fares, freight rates untouched on July 6. (*Hindu.*7, 2004)

Railway Minister Laloo Yadav's act of vacating his Madhepura Lok Sabha seat and fielding Rajesh Ranjan alias Papu Yadav on the Rashtriya Janata Dal ticket invited sharp editorial comments from media, which described Pappu Yadav as the icon of criminal politics, who face several heinous charges.

- Editorial: Laloo can't say "No": Pappu Yadav is the icon of criminal politics. *Tribune.* October 7, 2004: 10.

The Election Commission on December 20 directed the authorities in Bihar to register an FIR, against the RJD Chief and Railway Minister Laloo Prasad Yadav, for allegedly violating the Model Code of Conduct by distributing money to people in Patna. Poll panel had directed that FIR should be filed under section 171 (B) of the IPC relating to bribery.

- FIR against Laloo for code violation : EC threatens to de-recognise RJD. *Tribune.* December 21, 2004: 1, 14.

– Laloo postpones rally. *Tribune.* Dec. 22, 2004: 1, 14.

– Editorial : Notes for votes : This is one caper Laloo can't defend. *Tribune.* December 22, 2004 : 10.

Yadav, Mulayam Singh

The Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mulayam Singh Yadav has won the byelection from the Gunnaur Vidhan Sabha constituency in Badaun district. Mr Yadav won the seat by defeating his nearest rival, Mr Arif Ali of the BSP, by a record margin of 1,83,899 votes.

– Mulayam wins Gunnaur poll. *Tribune.* February 2, 2004: 2.

The Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mulayam Singh Yadav has won the Gannaur Assembly byelection. Yadav polled 1,83,899 votes against 11,314 polled by the Bahujan Samaj Party's Asif Ali. Gulfam Yadav of the BJP polled only 6,941 votes. Both Ali and Gulfam Yadav forfeited their depsoits.

– Digest : Mulayam wins byelections. *Hindu.* February 2, 2004: 1.

Yadav, Pappu

The Supreme Court on August 16 issued notice to the Patna SSP, seeking his reply whether the State Government's order regarding sending of accused persons to the city medical college hospitals prison ward was enforced strictly in former MP Pappu Yadav's case.

– SC notice to Patna SSP on Pappu Yadav. *Tribune.* August 17, 2004: 2.

The Patna High Court served notice on Wednesday on former MP and RJD candidate from Madhepura, Rajesh Ranajan, alias Pappu Yadav, asking him to appear before the Court in person on October 6 to explain his conduct in re-entering the high-security Beur Jail once he had stepped out of it. A Division Bench issued the notice after Inspector General of Prisons D.K. Singh submitted his report with regard to a party allegedly hosted by Yadav for jail inmates after he was granted regular bail.

– HC issues notice to Pappu Yadav. *Tribune.* September 30, 2004: 2.

Bihar Military Police on December 8, searched the high-security Beur Central Jail in Patna and seized four mobile phones including that of RJD MP Pappu Yadav's. Yadav is currently lodged in this jail. The search by the military police followed the order of the Patna High Court.

– HC orders raid on Bihar jails: Pappu Yadav's phone seized. *Tribune.* December 9, 2004: 1.

Yogi, Harbhajan Singh

Harbhajan Singh Yogi (75) passed away at his home in Espanola, New

Mexico in the USA on October 6 following heart failure. A pioneer in many fields, he established permanent institutions, organised spectacular events and produced prolific body of teachings.

– Prabhjot Singh. Harbhajan Singh Yogi dies in USA. *Tribune.* October 8, 2004: 1, 5.

Followers and well wishers, some from as for away as Thailand and Alaska, gathered at Santa Fe in New Mexico to pay homage to Yogi Harbhajan , a prominent figure of Sikhism in the West, who died on October 6.

A master practitioner of both hatha and kundalini yoga, he was the "Supreme Religious and Administrative Authority of the Sikh Religion in the Western Hemisphere .

– Homage paid to Yogi Harbajan. *Tribune.* Oct. 14, 2004: 9.

– 'Bhai Sahiba' title for Yogi's widow. *Tribune.* October 25, 2004: 5.

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Malayalam short story writer Paul Zachariah won the Sahitya Akademi Award for 2004 on Dec 22. (*Hindu.* Dec. 23, 2004)

Zarda, Salim

Salim Zarda, a key accused in the Godhra train carnage was rearrested on November 17 in a police operation. Media reports say that Salim was trying to procure a fake passport and was in the process of fleeing to Pakistan.

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Tohra, Gurcharan Singh. Elected as SGPC Chief.
22 **Agashe, Mohan.** Gets Goethe Medal.

Avtar Singh (Lt-Gen). Took over as D-G of Defence Intelligence Agency.
Tarkunde, V.M. Passed away in New Delhi.
27 **Pandit, Lakshmi.** Disqualified for Gladrags contest.
29 **Khati, L.N.** Suspended as Apex Bank MD.
30 **Bhadana, Kartar Singh.** Resigns from the Chautala Cabinet.
Chaudhury, Rajendra (Dr). Wins one million pounds in damages.
Sehwag, Virender. Made 309 runs against Pakistan at Multan.
Sethi, Pramod Karan (Dr). Gets life time achievement award for Jaipur Foot.
Shiv Shankar, P. Quits Congress.
31 **Kini, Ashok.** Takes over as SBI MD.
Pandit, Lakshmi. Returns her Miss India-World-2004 crown.
Tohra, Gurcharan Singh. Passed away in New Delhi.

April

01 **Gujral, J.S., Air Marshal.** Takes over as Deputy Chief of Air Staff.
Mahajan, Sumitra. Her election upheld.
Mukherjee, Rani. Appointed Brand Ambassador for Dabur.
02 **Dadan Singh.** Dismissed as a Bihar Minister.
Mayank Mayur (Flt-Lt). Killed in Air crash.
04 **Shahabuddin, Syed.** Joins Congress.
05 **Govinda.** Becomes a Congress Candidate from NW-Mumbai.
06 **Dutt, Sunil.** Has properties worth over Rs. 22 crore.
07 **Mohapatra, Guru Kelucharan.** Passed away.
08 **Brar, Lakhvinder Singh.** Arrested on charges of forgery and cheating.
Mufti, Mehbooba. Excapes bid on life.
11 **Alvi, Rashid.** Joins Congress party.
Badrinath, S.S. (Dr). Wins Rameshwardas Birla Award.
Jain, Ravindra. Joins BJP.
Jogi, Ajit. Critically hurt in a road accident.
Kapoor, Anish. Chosen to create a memorial in New York.
Mittal, Lakshmi. Buys house for record £ 70 million.
Patnaik, Jagannath. Elected BCI Chief.
12 **Sukh Ram.** Rejoins Congress.
Tandon, Lalji. His birthday party turns into a stampede disaster.
13 **Ganga Prakash.** Sacked for helping Telgi.
Gowrishankara Swami (Sir). Convicted for sex abuse.
14 **Bedi, M.M. Singh.** His letter to newspapers is criticised.
Vajpayee, Atal Bihari. Advocates permanent peace with Pakistan.
15 **Dharamendra.** Files his nomination from Bikaner LS constituency.
16 **Bagga, D.S.** Summoned by SC in Taj Corridor case.
Jethmalani, Ram. Withdraws from Lucknow seat election.
Marandi, Simon. Discharged in JMM case.
Parmar, S.S. Appointed additional chief secretary, HP.
Sidhu, Navjot Singh. BJP fields him from Amritsar.
Tandon, Lalji. Case against him for Lucknow stampede deaths.
17 **Soundarya.** Killed in a plane crash.
18 **Dharamendra.** Case filed against him for making false statement.

19 **Bilkis, Yakoob Rasool.** CBI chargesheets 20 in her case.
20 **Chaudhury, Renuka.** A case is registered against her.
Chidambaram, P. Declares his assets more than Rs. 15 crore.
Hameed, Moinuddeen Ahmed. Testifies in missile plot.
Hitange, Harish. Abducted in Warsaw.
21 **Badal, Sukhbir.** Owns assets worth 20.79 crore as per his affidavit.
Bagga, D.S. SC criticises his reinstatement as Chief Secretary of UP.
22 **Chetri, Sanjog.** Awarded Ashok Chakra.
23 **Dharamendra.** His nikahnama presented in court.
24 **Dhindsa, Kuldeep Singh (Dr).** Given Best Scientist Award.
Gupta, Harinder. Won Rs. 10 lakh Hero Golf Chandigarh Open.
25 **Gulzar.** Gets life time achievement award in New York.
Mufti, Mehbooba. Escapes militant attack.
26 **Gill, Harminder Singh.** Joins Congress Party.
27 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** SC quashes warrants against him.
Ambani, Anil. Appointed Vice-Chairman of the Indian Petro Chemicals Ltd.
Somayajulu, J.V. Passed away in Hyderabad.
Thomas, A.M. Passed away in Kochi.
28 **Babu Parmanand.** Home Ministry sends its report to President on him.
Dharamendra. Plea against him dismissed.
30 **Mittal, V.K.** Appointed the new Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh.

May

01 **Gupta, Ram Prakash.** Died in New Delhi.
02 **Rajendra Babu, S.** Sworn in 34th Chief Justice of India.
13 **Vajpayee, Atal Bihari.** Submits his resignation as India's PM.
14 **Rajashekhara Reddy, Y.S.** Sworn in as Andhra Pradesh CM.
16 **Markandaya, Kamala.** Died in London.
Patnaik, Naveen. Sworn in as Orissa CM.
19 **Gandhi, Sonia.** Gives statement for not becoming PM of India.
Manmohan Singh, Dr. To be the next Prime Minister of India.
20 **Manmohan Singh, Dr.** Takes over as India's Prime Minister.
22 **Chidambaram, P.** Given Finance in the Union Cabinet Portfolio.
Mishra, Brajesh. Resigns as Principal Secy and NSA.
23 **Patil, Shivraj.** Appointed Union Home Minister.
Maran, Dayanidhi. Appointed Union Communication and IT Minister.
Nair, T.K.A. To be the Principal Secretary to PM.
Pawar, Sharad. Appointed Union Agricultural Minister.
Singh, Natwar. Appointed Union External Affairs Minister.
25 **Raval, Kirit.** Resigns as Solicitor-General of India.
Sorabjee, Soli J. Resigns as Attorney General of India.
Taslimuddin, Mohammed. Inducted as a Minister in UPA Govt.
26 **Awasthi, Suresh.** Sangeet Natak Akademi mourns his demise.
Bachchan, Amitabh. Will do 10 campaigns for Prasar Bharati for money he owes to it.
Dixit J.N. Appointed as the National Security Advisor.
Gupta, Usha. Appointed as the member of the Permanent Lok Adalat.
Pandove, R.P. Appointed Secretary of HPERC.

27 **Dharam Singh, N.** Sworn in as Karnataka Chief Minister.
Dixit J.N. Takes over as the National Security Advisor.
Mukherjee, Pranab. Nominated as Leader of House in LS.
Singh, K.D., Col. Denies the charge of fake killings.
28 **Chatterjee, Somnath.** Offered the post of Lok Sabha Speaker.
Sawaminathan, M.S. Asked to head the National Commission on Farmers.
31 **Das, Tarun.** Demits as D-G of CII.
Malik, M.S. (Dr). Takes over as the DGP of Haryana.

June

01 **Lahoti, R.C. Justice.** Sworn in as the 35th Chief Justice of India.
02 **Moraes, Dom.** Passed away.
03 **Dhillon Baljit Singh.** Granted visa to USA.
Joshi, B.L. Appointed Lt.-Governor of Delhi.
04 **Chatterjee, Somnath.** Elected as Lok Sabha Speaker.
05 **Banerjee, Milon.** Appointed Attorney General of India.
09 **Atwal, Charanjit Singh.** Elected Lok Sabha Deputy Speaker.
Joshi, B.L. Sworn in as Lt. Governor of Delhi.
10 **Alok Kumar.** Wins Asian Snooker championship.
11 **Chaturvedi, B.K.** Appointed Cabinet Secretary.
Heptullah, Najma (Dr). Joins BJP.
12 **Mathur, Vishwanath.** Died in New Delhi.
16 **Ahluwalia, Montek Singh.** Appointed Planning Commission Deputy Chief.
Bhatia, R.L. Appointed Governor of Kerala.
Jakhar, Balram. Appointed Governor of Madhya Pradesh.
21 **Subbalakshmi, M.S.** Conferred Lifetime Achievement Award.
23 **Chugh, Kewal Krishna.** Transferred for spelling Vadra as Vadhera.
25 **Subbalakshmi, M.S.** Conferred the Sangeetha Saraswathi Award.
26 **Johar, Yash.** Passed away in Bombay.
27 **Kamal, Achanta Sharath.** Won Gold in 16th Commonwealth TT Championship.
Kartar Singh. 50 wrestlers submit memorandum against him.
Malik, V.P. Gen. (Retd). No Kashmir solution till infrastructure in POK demolished.
Pillay, Dhanraj. Confident of selection in Athene Games.
Rao, Prabha. Appointed Maharashtra PCC chief.
28 **Beliya, G.D.** Transferred as Registrar of Newspapers of India.
Chautala, Ajay. Elected as Rajya Sabha member.
Grewal, Gurmant. Elected to the House of Commons of Canada.
Jain, Rajat. Appointed V-P and MD of Walt Disney Co (India).
Padmanabhaiah, K. Meets Home Minister Patil about his talks with NSCN (IM).
Pandit, Mohammad Shafi. Appointed JKPSC chairman.
Tarlochan Singh. Elected as member of Rajya Sabha.
Vaze, Sachin. His bail confirmed.
29 **Dhirendra Singh.** Appointed new Home Secretary of India.
Kanjla, M.S. Arrested in Bitumen scam.
Nakai, Sandeep. Elected to SJFI.
Singh, Ajay Vikram. Named as Defence Secretary of India.

Sinha, Dalip. To be MEA spokesman.
30 **Bawa, K.C.** Contradictions on Godhra train fire emerge in his statement.
Bhagwati, Jagdish (Prof). Chair named after him created in Columbia University.
Bharadwaj, P.N. Remanded to Police custody
Gulzar. Honoured with Padma Bhushan.
Kamaljit Singh. Took over as ITBP Chief.
Kamath, M.V. Honoured with Padma Bhushan.
Liberhan, M.S. (Justice). Concludes hearing in Babri case.
Seshagopalan, T.N. Honoured with Padma Bhushan.
Singh, Madhu. Sacked as Minister for taking Rs. 50 lakh bribe.
Venkatachaliah, M.N. Gets Padma Vibhushan Award.

July

01 **Ahuja, Sunil.** Takes over as Haryana Chief Secretary.
Gupta, S.K. (Dr). Charged for declaring sane women as insane.
Manmohan Singh, Dr. Says that tainted minister will stay.
Mishra, Narayan. Acquitted in assault case.
02 **Babu Parmanand.** Dismissed by the Centre as Governor of Haryana.
Bhavnani, Ajit. Named as the next Chief of the Strategic Forces Command.
Lakhera, M.M. Appointed as the Lt-Governor of Pondicherry.
Sahani, Kidar Nath. Dismissed as Governor of Goa.
Shastri, Vishnu Kant. Dismissed as Governor of Uttar Pradesh.
04 **Vajpayee, Atal Bihar.** Says poor show in elections not due to Gujarat riots.
05 **Gandhi, Sonia.** Named as Star of Asia by the *Business Week.*
Jamir, S.C. Appointed Governor of Goa.
Karnik, Kiran. Named among 25 'Stars of Asia' by the *Business Week.*
Rajeshwar, T.V. Sworn in as Governor of Uttar Pradesh.
Sharma, Nawal Kishore. Appointed Governor of Gujarat.
06 **Yadav, Laloo Prasad.** Presents a Rs. 14,498 crore Railway Budget.
07 **Ansari, Abbas (Moulvi).** Steps down as Chairman of Hurriyat Conference.
Bipin Chandra (Prof). Appointed NBT Chief.
Doval, Ajit Kumar. Appointed as the Director of I.B.
George, Anju Bobby. Slips to No. 5.
Harbhajan Singh. Back in Indian Cricket Team.
Kidwai, A.R. Sworn in as Governor of Haryana.
Rao, Nirupama. Appointed India's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka.
Singh, Vivek. His treatment expenses are to be borne by Sports Minister.
09 **Dayanan, Diya (Dr).** Faces deportation to be India from Pakistan.
Mukherjee, Shiv Shankar. Appointed India's envoy to Nepal.
Narasimha Rao, P.V. Gets notice from Nanavati panel on 84 riots.
10 **Dutta, Rono J.** Takes over as President of Air Sahara.
Gupta, Jai Prakash. Bail denied to him.
Singh, Sangram. Says ransom was paid to Veerappan.
Sinha, Tapan. Gets first Kolkata Ratna.
Sunaina. Her 'B' sample tests positive.
11 **Manorama, Thangjam.** Arrested by Assam Rifles men and tortured to death.
14 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Defends India going nuclear in AP Assembly.

Basavarajaiah, M.N. Passed away in Mysore.
Birla, Priyamvada. Lodha files caveats in her will case.
Fernandes, George. US Deputy Secretary of State apologised to him.
Soren, Shibu. Media reports him as proclaimed offender.
15 **Bashi, V.V. (Dr).** Performs a complex cardiac surgery.
Gavaskar, Sunil. Police complaint against him.
Jain, R.K. Died in police custody.
Kohli, Maninderpal Singh. Arrested on the charge of rape and murder.
Koyaji, Banu (Dr). Passed away.
Singh, K.P. Faces arrest warrant in 21-year old case.
16 **Bedi, Monica.** Her extradition ordered by Portugal High Court.
Gavaskar, Sunil. Denies involvement in fraud.
17 **Bhattal, Rajinder Kaur.** Divested of Agriculture Dept.
Shrivastava, A.P. (Justice). Dismissed for granting bail to Shahabudin.
18 **Deuri, Jenny alias Indira.** Absolved of all charges.
Veerappa, Ramachandrappa. Passed away in Hyderabad.
19 **Lakhanpal, K.R.** Appointed Principal Secretary Finance, Punjab.
20 **Kakodkar, Anil (Dr).** Selected for Modi Award.
Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav. Shifted to jail hospital.
Singh, Raghuraj Pratap. Appointed Food and Civil Supplies Minister in UP Cabinet.
21 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Pays poetic homage to fire victims of Kumbakonam.
Borwankar, Meera Chadha. Becomes Commissioner of the Mumbai Crime Branch.
Singh, Prabhunath. SC's no to stay warrant against him.
Sukhdev Singh. Efforts for his release as hostage enhanced.
22 **Agnivesh (Swami).** Wins Rajiv Award.
Dosanjh, Ujjal. Sworn in as Canada's Health Minister.
Gavaskar, Sunil. Police disputes his claim.
Joshi, Vandana. Enters Guinness Book of World Records for largest Rangoli.
Kannan, R. Suspended as TN Education Director.
Khan, K. Rahman. Elected R.S. Deputy Chairman.
Sibal, Kapil. Seeks Rs. 500 crore for monsoon forecast project.
23 **Bhandarkar, Madhur.** Charged with rape bid on Preeti Jain.
Gupta, S.K. (Dr). Surrenders before Police in false certificates case.
Mehmood Ali. Died in Pennsylvania.
Puri, Om. Awarded the Order of the British Empire.
24 **Azad, Jagannath (Prof).** Passed away in New Delhi.
Devendra Mohan. Elected as Chairman of Press Club.
Mahadevan, Iravatham. Wins Subramanian T.S. Award for classic on Tamil epigraphy.
Rawat, Harak Singh. Gets clean chit in a rape case.
Soren, Shibu. Resigns from the Union Cabinet.
25 **Bhandari, Dalveer Chand (Justice).** Sworn in as the Chief Justice of Bombay HC.
Hemal, Ashok K. (Prof). Wins Dr B.C. Roy National Award.
Patel, Amisha. Accuses her father of swindling money.
Raghuvar Das. Appointed President of BJP in Jharkhand.
Shirpurkar, Vikas Shridhar (Justice). Sworn in as CJ of Uttranchal HC.
26 **Ambani, Anil.** Discloses business interest to the Chairman of Rajya Sabha.

Mallick, Pramila. Resigns as Orissa Minister.
Rao, C.S. Appointed as President and CEO of the Lucent Technologies (India).
Rastogi, Viren. Faces fraud charges.
28 **Das, Samar Ranjan.** Died in New Delhi.
Johl, Sardara Singh (Dr). Resigns from Punjab Planning Board.
29 **Joseph, Nafisa.** Commits suicide.
30 **Banerjee, Pratima.** Passed away in Kolkata.
Bhandarkar, Madhur. Granted anticipatony bail.
Jasjit Singh (Jaggi). First Turbaned Sikh in US police.
Kidwai, A.R. Conferred "Naitik Samman".
Mukherjee, Hiren. Passed away.
31 **Acharya, Sarthi (Dr) Prof.** Took over as director for IDS.
Arun Prakash (Admiral). Takes over as the 20th Chief of the Naval Staff.
Borkar, Susheel Narhari. Takes over as D-G and I-G of Karnataka Police.
Himanshu Kumar. Took over as new D-G of Sashastra Seema Bal
Lamba, Hemant. Wins £ 30000 Green Oscar Award.
Singh, R.P. Takes over as D-G Tihar jail.

August

01 **Bhandari, M.C. (Lt-Gen).** Takes over as D-G of NCC.
Deo, Bhubaneswar Singh. Arrested for child torture.
Johl, Sardara Singh (Dr). His resignation rejected.
Patnaik, Sudarshan. Wins International Sand Sculpture Championship.
Premji, Azim. Among 3 Indians in Asia's Power-25.
Singh, Ram Kishore. Sent to jail.
Talwar, K.K. (Dr). Wins Dr B.C. Roy National Award for 2002.
Venugopal Rao, M. Passed away in New Delhi.
02 **Bhupathi, Mahesh.** Wins the Tennis Masters in Canada.
Paes, Leander. Wins the Tennis Masters in Canada.
Ramdas, L. (Admiral) Wins Magsaysay Award.
Saran, Shyam. Takes over as Foreign Secretary, GOI..
03 **Agarwal, S.P.** Gets Dr. B.C. Roy National Award.
Behl, Rajneesh. Died in Mumbai.
Paul, Pothen. Passed away at Kochi.
Sidhu, Shivender Singh (Dr). Named as Manipur Governor.
Thakur, C.P. Gets Dr. B.C. Roy National Award.
04 **Chandrasekhar Rao, K.** Arrest warrant issued against him.
Chatterjee, Dhananjoy. Kalam rejects his mercy plea.
Chawla, Kalpana. NASA names supercomputer after her name.
Dutt, Shekhar. Assumes charge as Secretary Defence Production and Supplies.
Gill, Harjit Singh. Becomes first Asian Sheriff in U.K.
05 **Manmohan Singh, Dr.** His birth place in Pakistan to be a modern village.
Sharma, Rakesh. His documentary on Gujarat banned.
06 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Offers uplift theory for India.
Bilkis, Yakoob Rasool. Her case shifted to Mumbai.
George, Anju Bobby. Will carry India's flag at Athens.
Sidhu, Shivender Singh (Dr). Sworn in as Governor of Manipur.

Singh, Kalyan. Made UP BJP chief.
07 **Ansari, Hafiz Hussain.** Surrenders in the court.
Bassi, Kamaljit. Jailed for 19 years.
Parekh, Nagendra. His official residence raided by CBI.
08 **Anand, Viswanathan.** Won Chess Classic at Mainz.
11 **Sudan, Gaurav (Capt).** Misbehaves with a girl.
13 **Gandhi, Arun.** Will lead Palestinian movement.
Gupta, R.K. (Dr). Arrested at Saharanpur.
Manmohan Singh, Dr. Tells his ministers not to misuse PSUs.
Taslimuddin, Mohammed. BJP criticises his appointment.
Yadav, Akku. Lynched by women.
14 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Stresses the overhauling of education system of India.
Botre, Ramchandra Vishnu. Passed away in Ahmednagar.
Harnek Singh. Arrested by Punjab Police.
Sawant, Sandeep. Bags the best feature film Swarna Kamal.
Taslimuddin, Mohammed. Bihar Government withdraws case against him.
15 **Amalamary (Ms).** Wins Kalpana Chawla Award for Bravery.
Chaudhary, Amarsinh. Died in Ahmedabad.
Chitaranjan, Pebam. Succumbs to his injuries in Imphal.
Manmohan Singh, Dr. Moots code of conduct for political parties.
16 **Pratima Kumari.** Suspended on doping charges.
Sikhdar, Jyotirmoyee. Her husband held for running a brothel.
Yadav, Pappu. SC notice to Patna SSP on him.
17 **Rahul alias Raosahib.** His death sentence converted into life imprisonment.
Rathore, Rajyavardhan Singh. Wins Silver at Markopoulo Shooting Centre in Athens.
18 **Jaspal Kaur (Bibi).** Completes Thai translation of Guru Granth Sahib.
Singh, Mrigendra Pratap. Elected Speaker of Jharkhand.
19 **Chanu, Sanamachu.** Fails drug tests.
20 **Chowdhury, Bula.** Swims across the Palk Straits.
Drabu, Hasseb A. Appointed Chief of the J&K Bank.
Gandhi, Sonia. Placed third by the Forbe magazine among most powerful women.
Mathew, Aneena Joseph. Wins Rajiv Gandhi Manav Seva Award, 2003.
Singh, Arun Kumar. Takes over as D-G of Coast Guard.
21 **Dewan, Shalini.** Appointed UNIC Director.
Routray, Sachidananda. Died in Cuttack.
22 **Bharti, Uma.** Quits as CM of MP.
23 **Amrutiya, Kantilal.**Gets life imprisonment.
Bharti, Uma. Hubli Court rejects her plea.
Gaur, Babulal. Sworn in as CM of Madhya Pradesh.
Jayalalithaa, J. SC orders transfer of her case files.
Rao, U.R. (Prof). Placed among 10 international personalities.
Sanjiv Kumar. SC seeks status report on cases filed against him.
24 **Sandhu, Pal Singh.** Suspended by Union Sports Ministry.
Sen, Nirupam. Takes charge at UN.
27 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Says entrepreneurship orientation key to tackling joblessness.
Aiyar, Mani Shankar. Faces protests from Shiv Sena and BJP.

28 **Apang, Gegong.** Joined Congress Party.
Chandra, Pushkin. Three held in his murder case.
Ghosh, Gautam. Wins National Film Award-2004.
Goel, S.K. Takes over as Executive Director of the Allahabad Bank.
Khan, Gulzar. Arrested at Haldwani.
Wagle, Nikhil. Maharashtra CID to probe attack on him.
29 **Antony A.K.** Resigns as Kerala Chief Minister.
30 **Manorama, Thangjam.** Commission for probing her rape and murder.
31 **Bharti, Uma.** Karnataka Govt withdraws cases against her.
Biyani, Alok. Arrested.
Chakrabarty, Kamalesh Chandra. Joins PNB as its Executive Director.
Chandy, Oommen. Sworn in as Chief Minister of Kerala.
Darji, Jindabhai. Died in Surat.
Gupta, Shivani. Gets the Neerja Bhanot Award 2003.
Kohli, Maninderpal Singh. UK seeks his extradition.
Patil, Mangala. Gets Neerja Bhanot Award of 2004.
Ramakrishna, K. Takes over as ED of Bank of Baroda.
Sahani, K.M. Appointed as Labour Secretary, GOI.
Solanki, Vikram. Recalled into the English cricket team.
Srivastav, S.K. (Dr). A sexual harassment case registered against him.

September

01 **Antaryami.** Released alongwith other two Indian hostages in Iraq.
Arora, Punita (Lt-Gen). Becomes Army's first woman Lt-Gen.
Ghosh, Meenakshi Dutta. Appointed Advisor, Planning Commission.
Hafza Aman (Dr). Refused citizenship of Pakistan.
Mishra, Pramod Kumar (Dr). Takes over as Member Secretary, NCR Planning Board.
Sethi, Reetu. Qualifies for umpiring at the US Open Tennis Tournament.
02 **Banerjee, U.C. (Justice).** Heads panel on Godhra.
Krishna Kumar (Prof). Appointed NCERT Director.
03 **Sankararaman, A.** Killed by a six-member gang in Kancheepuram.
06 **Shukla, Ramesh Chand.** Commits suicide.
Singh, Vijay. Dethrones Tiger Woods.
07 **Jayalalithaa, J.** Donates three month's salary towards Annadhanam.
Pathan, Irfan. Wins Emerging Player of the Year Award.
Rai, Aishwarya. Finds place in 'House of Wax' in London.
08 **Dravid, Rahul.** Wins the Player of the Year Award.
09 **Liberhan, M.S. (Justice).** His panel's term extended upto March 31, 2005.
12 **Surekha, V.S.** Betters the National mark in women's pole vault.
13 **Tata, Ratan.** Go beyond Indica, PM advises him.
16 **Aulakh, K.S. (Dr).** Nominated to ICAR Society and its Governing Body.
Ramakrishnan, Therambil. Elected as Kerala Assembly Speaker.
19 **Venkatraghavan, Srinivas.** Felicitated by ICC.
Yadav, Pappu. SC issues notice to him.
21 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Promulgates an ordinance to repeal POTA.
22 **Jagir Kaur (Bibi).** Elected president of S.G.P.C.
23 **George, Anju Bobby.** Wins long jump gold in Japan.

24 **Ramanna, Raja.** Died in Mumbai.

25 **Kolatkar, Arun.** Died in Pune.

26 **Ahluwalia, Montek Singh.** His decision to appoint foreign experts opposed.
Khemka, Ashok. Shifted from the post of Director, Secondary Education.

27 **Gurtu, Shobha.** Passed away in Mumbai.
Maurya, B.P. Passed away in New Delhi.
Shenoy, P.S. Elected IBA chairman.
Tandon, Prakash. Passed away in Pune.

28 **Anand, Mulk Raj.** Passed away in Pune.
Leeladhar, V. Joins NABARD Board.
Singh, Amandeep. Wins Northern India Prize Money Squash Championship.
Vijay Singh. Appointed Chief Secretary of MP.

29 **Bhat, Mohammad Yusuf.** Shot dead in Anantnag
Dalmiya, Jagmohan. His appointment as Patron-in-Chief of BCCI stayed.
Dua, Parshottam Dass. Caught taking bribe.
Kidwai, A.R. Takes over additional charge as Governor of Punjab.
Mahendra, Ranbir Singh. Elected BCCI Chief.
Pawar, Sharad. Loses electoral battle of BCCI to R.S. Mahendra.
Rai, Narad. Non-bailable warrants issued against him.
Shah, Shabir Ahmad. Detained by police for indulging in anti-poll campaign.
Sidhu, Charanjit Singh. Throws slippers at CJ of Delhi HC.

30 **Goddar, Balladeer.** Addresses a public meeting in Hyderabad.
Mahendra, Ranbir Singh. Refutes Pawar's charge.
Malik, Yasin. NBW against him.
Mohamed Ali, A.P. Released on conditional bail.
More, Kiran. To head cricket selection panel.
Sandhawalia, Dilraj Singh. EC orders registration of case against him.
Shah, Mohd. Rafiq. Shot dead by militants in Srinagar.

October

01 **Malik , S.K. (Air Marshal).** Appointed Vice-Chief of Air staff.
Menon, S.N. Takes over as Commerce Secretary, GOI.
Ram Singh (Dr). Passed away at Hartford.
Sandhawalia, Dilraj Singh. EC reverts order against him.

02 **Akhtar, Javed.** Wins Sangeet Award.
Bandhopadhyay, Padmavathy (Air Marshal). Achieves second highest rank in IAF.

04 **Amrita Pritam.** Elected fellow of the Sahitya Akademi.
Chadha, Gurinder. Her *Bride and Prejudice* premiere dazzles London.

05 **Chaudhary, Ambika.** NB warrant against her.
Chugh, Navneet Singh. Named US Bar leader.
Dhillon, J.S. Again under cloud as Amritsar Khalsa College Principal.
Jayalakshmi. Her allegations against politicians in sleaze case go to CBI.
Nabla, D.R. alias Ranjan Daimari. Put on Interpol wanted list.
Pande, P.C. Shifted to ITBP as ADGP.
Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav. Sent to Beur jail.

06 **Harbhajan Singh (Yogi).** Passed away at Espanola in New Mexico.
Kumble, Anil. Joins elite-400-wicket club.

07 **Bhutani, Kanwar.** Takes over as President of the Tupperware US.
Nair, P. Madhavan. Continues as President's Secy. after retirement.
Saharya, A.B. (Justice). Quits as POTA penal chief.
08 **Bhatia, Gaurav.** Gets legal rights to sleep in train.
Kamaljit Singh. Deported from Germany.
Mahnedra, Ranbir Singh. Madras HC restrains him to run BCCI.
09 **Amarinder Singh, (Capt).** Charges framed against him in defamation case. Gets bail.
Bharti, Uma. Granted bail by a Bhopal Court.
Bhatt, Ela. Wins Lal Bahadur Shastri Award.
Patekar, Nana. Wins silver in shooting.
10 **Harbans Singh (Justice).** Passed away in Chandigarh.
Paul, Angad. Marries Michelle in London.
Shekhawat, Bhairon Singh. Says keep President and PM out of Lokpal's purview.
11 **Akkiraju Haragopal alias Ramakrishna.** Comes overground for talks with AP Govt.
Chhabria, Vidya. In *Fortune's* list of top 50 powerful women.
Jayalalithaa, J. Given Golden Star of Honour and Dignity Award.
Khan, Nayeem Ahmed. Released from jail.
Rai, Aishwarya. Voted as the sexiest Indian actress.
Rai, Gulshan. Passed away in Mumbai.
Singh, Prakash. Questioned by the CBI at Kolkata for bribe.
Sonia. Khap panchayat creates problem in her marriage.
12 **Ambani, Mukesh.** Named "most influential person in telecom in 2004".
Merani, Kumud. His Documentary wins Award.
Sandhu, B.S. Col. (Retd). HC orders him to demolish Forest Hill Club.
13 **Dahiya, R.P. (Dr).** Resigns as DeviLal Varsity VC.
Kher, Anupam. Asked to resign as Censor Board Chief.
Narah, Baharat. Accused of links with ULFA.
Paul, Angad. His EMR adjudged as the best U.K. Feature film.
Ramesh Kumar (Dr). Elected as Chief of college principals' body of Haryana.
Roy, Nirupa. Passed away in Mumbai.
Tagore, Sharmila. Appointed as head of Censor Board.
Tata, Ratan. Signs $2 billion deal with Bangladesh.
14 **Bawa, Balbir Kumar.** Warrants against him.
Chauhan, R.C. (Dr). Appointed Director of Longowal Engineering Institute.
Kher, Anupam. Gives ultimatum to Harkrishen Singh Surjeet.
Maran, Dayanidhi. Annouces new broadband policy.
Narayana, K. Suspended as Deputy Excise Commissioner.
Pratima Kumari. Moves Delhi HC against life ban.
Tata, Ratan. Made the honorary citizen of North Jeolla Province.
Thengdi, Dattopant. Passed away in Pune.
Tripathi, P.K. Transferred to the Union I.B. Ministry as Jt. Secretary.
15 **Arora, Samir.** Exonerated of all charges.
Chadha, Gurinder. Her *Bride and Prejudice* tops UK charts.
Chahal, Bharat Inder Singh. HC seeks his explanation for interference with the administration of Justice.
Jayalakshmi, A. SC rejects a SLP against her.

Kabilan, S. Appointed Assam Chief Secretary.
Kaul, Gautam. Honoured with "Star of Italian Co-operation" medal.
Menon, Nikhila. Tops IES.
Sharma, Manu. Granted bail.

16 **Gawli, Arun Gulub.** Wins Vidhan Sabha Chinchopkli seat.
Hussain, Mohammed Iliyas. Remanded to Judicial custody.
Kabir, Altamas (Justice). Appointed CJ of Punjab and Haryana HC.
Prabhjinder Singh alias Dimpy. Remanded in police custody.
Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav. Elected to the Lok Sabha from Madhepura.
Sarabhai, Mallika. Presented the "ICA Honour Award".
Sayeed, Mufti Mohammad. Wins election from Pahalgam.
Sharma, R.S. Takes over as Executive Director (commercial) of NTPC.

17 **Gujral, I.K.** Humiliated at Wagah Boarder.
Habib Tanvir. Wins the Legends of India Lifetime Achievement Award.
Mirza, Sania. Wins the $ 25000 ITF title at Logos, Nigeria.
Pawar, Sharad. Jayalalithaa says, "Pawar magic worked' in Maharashtra elections.
Pawar, Sharad. Sushma calls him "Man of the match" in Maharashtra elections.
Tanvir, Habib. Wins Lifetime Award.

18 **Advani, L.K.** Appointed President of BJP.
Advani, L.K. Invited to visit Pakistan.
Bose, Swapan Sadhan. Becomes Club Task Force member.
Venkaiah Naidu, M. Quits as BJP President.
Vyas, Daya. Passed away in Jaipur.

19 **Kher, Anupam.** Files suit against Harkishen Surjeet.
Veerappan, Koose Muniswamy. Shot dead by police.

21 **Aathira Krishna.** Has entered the Guinness Book of World Records.
Bagga, D.S. His increment withheld.
Balayogi, G.M.C. His copter crash attributed to pilot's error.
Beigh, Safdar Ali. Shot dead in Anantnag.
Lahoriya, Daya Singh. Gets life term for Mirdha's kidnapping.

24 **Omar, Farooq.** Survives bomb attack.
Vimala Raman. Crowned as Miss India Australia-2004.

25 **Apparao, Y.N.** Gets Eminent Engineers award.
Chandraswami. Acquitted in St. Kitts case.
Dutt, Sunil. To be Chairman of Organising Committee of Commonwealth Games.
Khurana, Madan Lal. Resigns as Rajasthan Governor.

26 **Mohan, Rakesh (Dr).** Appointed Finance Secretary, GOI.
Naik, Cheryl. Gets Australian Honour.

27 **Gogoi, Tarun.** Sonia angry with him for concealing links with ULFA.
Gopichand, Pullel. Wins Asian Satellite title.
Sharma, R.K. Takes over as CMD of Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC).
Singh, R.K. Elected chairman of World EC of the Union of International Railways.

28 **Boparai, Swaran Singh.** Told not to use honorific Padma Shri.
Rama Jois, M. Resigns as Bihar Governor.

29 **Brar, Jagrup Singh.** Wins British Columbia by-election.

Chawla, A.K. HC issues contempt notice against him.
Deshmukh, Vilasrao. Elected to be Maharashtra's CM.
Gadaria, Rambabu Dayaram. His Gang kills 13 innocent villagers.
Mittal, Lakshmi. Named the UK's richest man with estimated fortune worth £ 12 bn.
Patil, R.R. Takes over Deputy Chief Minister of Maharastra.
Ramamohan Rao, P.S. Resigns as TN Governor.
Sharma, B.R. Passed away.
Sidhu, Balwinder Singh. Appointed Director of Agriculture, Punjab.
Singh, D.P. Maj Gen. Died in air crash.
30 **Keshava Rao, K.** Appointed PCC Chief of Andhra Pradesh.
Kunhalikutty, P.K. Accused in sex scandal.
Shinde, Sushil Kumar. Appointed Andhra Pradesh Governor.
31 **Agarwal, Amar (Dr).** Gets Kelman Award.
Khurana, S.M. Paul. Appointed VC of Jabalpur University.
Tyagi, S.P. (Air Chief Marshal). Named as IAF chief.

November

01 **Ananth Murthy, U.R.** Elected to Sahitya Akademi.
Deshmukh, Vilasrao. Sworn in as Maharashtra CM.
Joshi, Avinash Deodatta. Took over as AOC-in-C of the Eastern Air Command.
Namdeo Lakshman Dhasal. Wins Lifetime Achievement Award of Sahitya Akademi.
02 **Buta Singh.** Sworn in as Bihar Governor.
Joshi, Narmohan. Died in Haridwar.
Nagalia, A.K., Air Marshal. Heads personnel at Air Headquarters.
Sharma, Satish. BJP opposes withdrawing cases against him.
03 **Amarinder Singh, (Capt).** His election to Punjab Vidhan Sabha upheld.
Barnala, Surjit Singh. Sworn in as Tamil Nadu Governor
Chadha, Gurinder. Honoured at the House of Commons.
Chakraborty, Subhas. Storm over his links with criminal.
Gandhi, G.K. Appointed West Bengal Governor.
Jindal, Bobby. Wins from Louisiana in USA..
Setlvad, Teesta. Accused of "pressuring" Zaheera Sheikh in Best Bakery case.
Setlvad, Teesta. Zahira files complaint with NCW against her.
Sheikh, Zahira. Retracts her statements before a Mumbai court.
Sidhu, Balwinder Singh. His appointment sparks off protests.
04 **Dravid, Rahul.** Surges past Gavaskar's mark of 108 from 125 Tests.
Jindal, O.P. Given Lifetime Achievement Award by W.B. CM.
Pradeep Singh. Appointed India's Ambassador to Finland.
Sood, Rakesh. Appointed India's Ambassador to Afghanistan.
05 **Basu, Jyoti.** His guard was held for theft.
Chawdhary, Santosh. Heads Safai Karamchari Commission.
Dravid, Rahul. Completes 7,000 Tests runs.
Gandhi, Gonia. Says I am not power behind throne.
Gowarikar, Ashutosh. Becomes member of Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science.
Noon, Gulam, Sir. Wins Internal Punjabi Society Award for 2004.
06 **Kupekar, Babasaheb.** Elected Maharashtra Assembly Speaker.

Salman Khursheed. Appointed President of UPPCC.
Selja. Says not in race for HPCC.
Setlvad, Teesta. Moves SC for CBI probe into Zahira episode..
Sukh Ram. Former PM Rao deposes against him.

07 **Bedi, Monica**. CBI to press for her extradition.
Eapen, Koshy (Dr). Named World's Outstanding Young Person.
Kidwai, A.R. Seeks opinon of Attorney-General on three bills.
Nariman, Fali S. Says that President, PM should not be brought under Lok Pal.

08 **Krishnaswamy, S. (Air Chief Marshal).** Indicted by Delhi HC.
Nooyi, Indra. Listed on 16th Position in *Wall Street Journal*.
Patil, Pratibha Devi Singh. Sworn in as Rajasthan Governor.
Rodrigues, S.F., General (Retd). Appointed Governor of Punjab.
Sharma, Ram Babu. Takes over as DPCC Chief.

09 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Says commercial banks' role is to be a venture capitalist.
Bedi, Monica. She writes to President of India seeking his help in cases against her.
Gupta, Anara. Gets conditional bail.
Manhas, Manoj Kumar. Surrenders at Nagrota.
Sandhu, D.D.S. (Major-Gen) Nominated as the Col. Commandant of AOC.
Sarvanand Saraswati (Swami). Passed away.
Taslimuddin, Mohammed. NBW issued against him.

10 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Stresses on hassle-free banking.
Anoushka Shankar. Chosen as the *Time's* 20 Asian heroes under 40.
Bharti, Uma. Challenges BJP President, Advani.
Bharti, Uma. Suspended from BJP.
Jindal, Bobby. May get Pravasi Samman.
Venkatasubramanian, K. Died in Chennai.

11 **Jayendra Saraswathi (Kanchi Sankaracharya).** Arrested in AP on murder charge.
Kaul, A.K. (Prof). Appointed Vice-Chancellor of the National Law University, Jodhpur.
Manmohan Singh, Dr. Announces the reduction of Troops level in J&K.
Taslimudidn, Mohammed. He gets bail in criminal cases against him.

12 **Agrawal, N.K. (Dr).** Shot dead in Patna.
Kunhalikutty, P.K. His sex secandal puts UDF in a dilemma.
Radhakrishnan, S. Appointed TMB's Chairman.

13 **Harika, Dronavalli.** Wins the under 14 Chess Championship.
Setlvad, Teesta. Says pained but not defeated for Zaheera's allegations.

14 **Chautala, Om Prakash.** Congress presents a chargesheet against him.
Ganguly, Sourav. Suspended for two Tests.

15 **Bansal, Narendra Kumar.** Appointed V-C of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University.
Sobhini Rajan. Found dead.

16 **Chautala, Om Prakash.** Refussed permission to visit Pakistan.
Kapoor, S.D. SC gives notice to centre on his extension as MMTC Chairman.
Rodrigues, S.F., General (Retd). Sworn in as Punjab Governor.
Thakur, Rameshwar. Sworn in as Governor of Orissa.

17 **Aftab, M.S.** Appointed Vijaya Bank Executive Director.
Ambani, Mukesh. Admits "ownership issues" with brother Anil on CNBC-TV 18.
Badhwar, Inderjit. Wins French award for debut novel.

Goyal, Sunil. Taken on the Board of IFAC.
Kothari, Gopa (Dr). Wins UNICEF award.
Kunte, Abhjit. Lifts the International Open Chess title.
Manmohan Singh, Dr. Announces Central Assistance of Rs. 24000 crore to J&K.
Parthasarathy, K. Appointed CMD for Hindustan Steelworks.
Shetty, V.P. Appointed CMD for Canara Bank.
Singh, Raghuraj Pratap. SC notice to him in POTA case.
Sodhi, Nauvdip Kumar (Justice). Posted as the CJ of Karnataka HC.
Subhashan Reddy, B. (Justice). Transferred and posted as CJ of Kerala HC.
Zarda, Salim. Rearrested in Godhra case.
18 **Ajwani, P.K.** To undergo lie detector tests.
Jayendra Saraswathi. Tells court that he is being implicated falsely.
Sathyu, M.S. Honoured with a life time achievement award at Nehru Centre, London.
19 **Banerjee, B.P.** His allotment of plot cancelled by SC.
Reddy, Jeevan. Heads panel on Manipur Act.
20 **Jaipal Reddy, S.** Elected IGNCA Chief.
Janardhan Rao, S. SC upholds his conviction in bribery case.
Mallikarajun Sharma, B. Appointed MD of the New Bank.
Samanta, Ashim. Appointed as additional director on the board of HDFC Bank.
21 **Mandal, T.** Kidnapped in Bihar.
Reddy, Bollampally Subhashan (Justice). Sworn in as Kerala High Court C.J.
Sharma, C.G. (Judge). SC upholds his sacking.
Sudha, S. Appointed general secretary for AIDWA.
22 **Rodrigues, S.F., General (Retd).** Removes Dr. H.C. Modi as his Legal Advisor.
Singh, Shailendra Kumar. Appointed Governor of Arunachal Pradesh.
23 **Bains, M.S.,** Col. Remanded in judicial custoday.
Bajwa, Partap Singh. Feel slighted in a function.
Brar Irina. Sets a record at the Delhi Golf Course.
Gandhi, Sonia. Punjabi University Senate ratifies D. Litt for her.
Gurminder Singh. Wins 800 meter race in A-I PNB Inter-Zonal Sports Meet.
Jayendra Saraswathi. Made an accused in a murder case.
Jogpal, T.D. Joins Congress Party.
Rai, Mangla (Dr). Says only biotechnology can usher in Green Revolution.
Rana, Abhishek. Created a new national record in one kilometer race.
24 **Banerjee, U.C. (Justice).** Term of the Godhra probe panel extended.
Beri, Ritu. Ties nuptial knot with Bobby Chadha.
Bir, Sarwan Singh. Passed away.
George, Rajiv. Wins Rights Award.
Jayalalithaa, J. Her effigy burnt by activists of Sangh Privar
Ramakrishna, K. Arrested in Hyderabad by CBI while accepting bribe.
25 **Chidambaram, P.** His Congress Janayaga Peravai merged with the Congress.
Pandey, Sandeep. Beaten up by police in Varansai.
Premji, Azim. Says that Quality is like integrity.
26 **Dewan, Rajan.** Made standing counsel by GOI in H.P. HC.
Ganguly, Sourav. ICC lifts two-Test ban on him.
Jayendra Saraswathi. Judicial remand for him in both cases.

Kohli, H.S., Col. Sacked in fake encounter case.
Naqvi, M.A. Retained as incharge of HP.
Sandhu, Ajeetesh. Wins Eastern India Golf title.
Siddiqui, M.S.A. Heads the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions.

27 **Calcutta, Manjit Singh.** His appointment as patron challenged.
Dhanak, Amar Singh. Killed in mishap.
Ghosh, Gautam. Gets BFJA Award in Kolkata.
Krishna, S.M. Appointed Governor of Maharashtra.
Ola, Sis Ram. Gets Mine Ministry in the GOI.
Paswan, Ram Vilash. Decides to go in election alone in Bihar.
Rathore, Rajyavardhan Singh. Reclaims double trap title.
Singh, J.J., Lt-Gen. Named as the next COAS
Soren, Shibu. Reinducted into the Union Cabinet.

28 **Adlakha, Saroj (Dr).** Faces inquiry in illegal abortion cases.
Advani, L.K. His resignation demanded by Congress.
Chopra, Jagjit Singh (Dr). Heads world neuro body.
Deka, S. Kills his seven colleagues.
Garg, Sandeep. CBI seizes Rs. 2.3 crore from him.
Katju, Markandey, Justice. Sworn in as the Madras HC Chief Justice.
Kuldeep Kumar. Appointed HP Congress Chief.
Roy, B.K., Justice. Appointed CJ of Gauhati HC.
Sirhindi, Harchand Singh. Gets Punjabi Lekhak Award.

29 **Bangar, K.C. (Dr).** Asked to submit resignation as Haryana PSC Chief.
Lall, Rajiv B. Appointed MD of IDFC.
Sehwag, Virender. His performance gives India the edge against South Africa.

30 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Decides not to unveil portraits or statues.
Gill, A.S. Takes over as DGP of Rajasthan.
Gupta, Anuradha. Takes over as the Member Secretary of AICTE.
Habibullah, Wajahat. Appointed Panchayat Raj Secretary.
Harikrishna, Pendyala. Becomes World Junior Chess Champion.
Khanna, Kamal Krishan (Lt-Gen). Takes over as the Commandant of IMA.
Patil, Bhimu. Gets outstanding scientist award.
Prem Kumar, R.M. Appointed Textile Secretary in GOI.

December

01 **Dhaddha, Siddha Raj.** Wins Mahaveer Award.
Dutt, Sunil. Unhappy over IHF's functioning.
Ganesan, R. Appointed as Secretary, Department of Posts.
Harbhajan Singh. Leaves SA struggling in cricket match.
Kidwai A.R. Returns Bills after raising certain objections.
Reddy, Bollampally Subhashan (Justice). Transferred to Kerala as CJ.
Saini Mehar Singh (Dr). Appointed chairman of Haryana PSC.
Singh, Santosh. Appointed a member of Haryana PSC.

02 **Amarinder Singh, (Capt).** Gets Hony. D. Litt. of GNDU.
Bachchan, Jaya. Attacks Govt. over censoring film on JP.
Bharti, Uma. Apologises to Advani.

Dixit, Sheila. Says no equity dilution in discoms
Gagandeep Singh. Replaces Nehra in Indian cricket team.
Ganguly, Sourav. Penalised for dissent in Test match.
Gupta, Renu (Dr). Selected for Rashtriya Gaurav Award.
Gurdit Singh, Giani. Declared tankhaiya by Takhat Patna Sahib.
Kalyan Singh. Appears before Liberhan panal in Babri Masjid case.
Kanshi Ram. His mother moves SC for his custody.
Prem Kumar, K. Singhal questions his credentials as investigator.
Razi, Sibtey. Sworn in as Governor of Jharkhand.
Sheikh, Zahira. Her sister turns hostile.
03 **Ambani, Mukesh.** Meets Sonia Gandhi in New Delhi.
Basu, Prahlad. Heads PSUs panel.
Bedi, Monica. Portugal SC rejects her plea against extradition.
Jain, N.C. (Justice). Takes over as Chairman of HP Human Rights Commission.
Janarthanan, K. Given the Best Creative Child with Disability Award.
Kalkat, Onkar Singh Major-Gen (Retd). Passed away in Chandigarh.
Mandal, T. Released by his captors.
Negi, G.S., Lt Gen (Retd). Appointed PSC Chairman of Uttaranchal.
04 **Cristiano Junior.** Dies after scoring a goal.
Dhariwal, Rasik. Under scanner.
Munda, Arjun. Pulled up by the EC for distributing ration cards with his photo.
Reddy, Shilpa. Won the Mrs. India 2004 Contest.
05 **Amte, Baba.** Chosen for the fourth Paulose Mar Gregorios Award.
Pellisserry, Jopse. Passed away at Chalakkudy in Thrissur.
06 **Balamurali Krishna, M. (Dr).** Refuses Award named after Jayendra Saraswathi.
Ghai, Subhash. Will be honoured at the first IFF at Dubai.
Krishna, S.M. Sworn in as Maharashtra Governor.
Laxman, Bangaru. CBI books him in Tehelka case.
Roy, Pranoy (Dr). Gets Award for Excellence in Journalism.
Sharma, Nagendra (Dr). Appointed VC of Sher-e-Kashmir University, Jammu.
08 **Advani, Ashok.** Arrested by Mumbai Police.
Aulakh, B.S. (Dr). Secured patent for his drug.
Bharadwaj, R.N. Takes over as LIC Chief.
Brahmbhatt, R.B. Pulled up by the special court.
Bukhari, Omar Mian. Deported to India from Dubai.
Gujjar, Jairamdas (Bab). Gets life term for the murder of a woman.
Prem Kumar, R.M. Appointed Maharashtra Chief Secretary.
Shastri, Sunil. Quits BJP.
Singh, Akhilesh. SC discharges him in Syed Modi murder case.
Singh, T.N. CBI registers a case against him.
Surjewala, Randeep Singh. Appointed AICC Secretary and Youth Congress President.
Yadav, Pappu. Mobile Phone recovered from him in Patna Jail.
09 **Chopra, V.K.** Assumes charge as CMD of Corporation Bank.
Paswan, Ram Vilash. Involved in Laloo-Paswan spat.
Vinayak, Aasis. Gets invitation from President of India.
10 **Ambani, Anil.** Named among Icons of the Year by Indian School of Business, Hyderabad.

Chandraswami. His involvement in Rajiv murder case suspected.
Dadhwal, Suresh D. Singh (Lt). Bags Sword of Honour.
Khan, Abrar Mustafa (Prof). Passed away in Aligarh.
Kumble, Anil. Breaks Kapil's record.
Naidu, N. Chandrababu. SC orders probe against him.
Raju. Court says Raju and Mala, two women, can live together.
Shastri, Sunil. Launches Jai Jawan Kisan Mazdoor Congress.
Sreedhar, V. Took over as CMD of UCO Bank.
Varghese, Cherian. Appointed CMD of the Union Bank of India.
Venkatesh, K. Pleads for mercy killing.
11 **Gurpreet Kaur.** Her madals withdrawn.
Subbalakshmi, M.S. Passed away in Chennai at 88.
Tendulkar, Sachin. Equals Sunil Gavaskar's record.
12 **Irani, Smriti.** Launches attack on Gujarat CM Modi.
Mir Qasim. Passed away in New Delhi.
Qasim, Mir. Passed away in New Delhi.
Randhawa, Jyoti. Wins volvo masters.
13 **Singh, R.K.** Probe panel indicts him.
Venugopalan, M. Appointed Chief of the Federal Bank.
14 **Anantharaman, G.** Appointed whole time member of SEBI.
Chatterjee, Gautam (Prof). Asked to resign as Principal of Sanawar School.
Gandhi, G.K. Sworn in as Governor of West Bengal.
Tata, Ratan. Appointed Chairman of the Investment Commission.
15 **Raju, Venkatapathi.** Announces retirement.
Venkatesh, K. Andhra Pradesh HC rejectes his writ petition for death.
16 **Asokan, K.** Delivers the fastest verdict.
Berde, Laxmikant. Died in Mumbai.
Chatterjee, Somnath. Offers to step down as Lok Sabha Speaker.
Gupta, P.K. Heads the National Housing Bank.
Gupta, Pankaj. Punished by Maharashtra Government.
Manhas, K.L. Stripped of prosecution powers.
Ravi Raj. On police remand.
Shah, Jeevika. Crowned Mrs. India World.
Singh R.P. Gets Fellowship of Indian Academy of Engineering.
17 **Bajaj, Avnish.** Arrested in DPS sex clip case.
Bijoy Singh, N.G. Released by KYKL activists.
Venkatesh, K. Passed away in Hyderabad.
18 **Hazzare, Vijay.** Passed away in Vadodara.
Namrita Kaur. Commissioned into IAF.
Suprita Kaur. Gets commision into IAF.
19 **Berlia, Sushma.** Elected Vice-President of PHDCCI for 2004-05.
Damodaran, M. Quits as CMD of UTI Mutual Fund.
Krishnaswamy alias Appu. Arrested in Balakrishnapuram.
Memani, K.N. Takes over as PHDCCI chief.
20 **Hussain, Rehman (Major).** Proceedings of GCM against him.
Mathur, S.B. Appointed Administrator of SUUTI.

Mittal, Sunil Bharti. Awarded Qimpro Gold Standard 2004.
Rahul Gopal. Arrested and suspended.
Yadav, Laloo Prasad. FIR against him for code violation.
21 **Mongia, Nayan.** Announces retirement.
Paintal, Avtar Singh. Passed away in New Delhi.
Surinder Singh (Major). Dismissed from Army and gets three-year jail.
Virk, S.S. Chargesheeted for over-staying in Punjab.
Yadav, Laloo Prasad. Postpones rally in view of EC observations..
22 **Chatterjee, Upamanyu.** Wins the Sahitya Akademi Award.
Dangwal, Viren. Wins the Sahitya Akademi Award for 2004.
Devpura, Heeralal. Passed away in Jaipur.
Lynette Niangty. Wins the "Miss Luit" beauty contest 2004.
Nayak, P.J. Comes back as CMD of UTI Bank.
Reddy, P. Ramasubha. Gets life imprisonment.
Sheikh, Zahira. Accused of receiving Rs.18 lakh for turning hostile.
Tamizhanban. Wins Sahitya Akademi Award for 2004.
Vij, N.C. (General). Goes to China on official visit.
Zachariah, Paul. Wins Sahitya Akademi Award for 2004.
23 **Narasimha Rao, P.V.** Passed away at AIIMS New Delhi.
Sudheeran, V.M. Quits Kerala PCC panel.
24 **Amarinder Singh, (Capt).** His son absolved by Nehra Commission.
Bharti, Uma. Her suspension from BJP revoked.
Iyer, N. Sundaresa. Arrested in Sankararaman murder case.
Nirmal Singh. Appointed NHRC Secretary-General.
Ramachandran, R. Passed away in Madurai.
Sheikh, Zahira. Majlis-e-Shura ousts her from Muslim community.
Thakur Singh (Baba). Passed away in Amritsar.
25 **Chakraborty, Nripen.** Passed away in Kolkata.
Fernandes, George. FIR filed against him in Bihar for violation of Model Code.
Harbhajan Singh. Nothing wrong with his delivery, he says.
26 **Bhatti, Gurpreet Kaur.** Rushdie backs her for her play, Behzti.
Qureshi, Abdul Wahid (Prof). Appointed V-C of University of Kashmir
Saraswathi, Vijayendra. Questioned in Sankararaman murder case.
Subramanian, Ravi. Arrested in Guruvayur in murder case.
27 **Nayak, Sunil.** Dropped as Minister of Madhya Pradesh.
Selvaraj, A. (Dr). Killed in Tsunami tidal waves.
28 **Dasmunshi, Priya Ranjan.** Elected as AIFF Chief.
Kanwar, Onkar Singh. Took over as FICCI President.
Mashelkar, R.A. (Dr). Takes over as the President of INSA.
Nehra, B.S., Justice. Appointed as chairman of enquiry into Punjab CM's son case.
Venkatesh, S. Adjudged as India's Best Player by A-I FF
29 **Rangarajan, C. (Prof).** Appointed Chairman of Economic Advisory Council.
Ravi Raj. Gets bail in DPS sex clip case.
30 **Balasubramanian, N.** Appointed CMD of Small Industries Development Bank of India.
Raghu. Arrested in Sankararaman murder case.

31 **Arunachalam, V. alias Aladi Aruna. Murdered in Tamil Nadu.**
Balkishen Singh. Died at Patiala.
Goel, O.P. Takes over as the President of the Institution of Engineers (India), Lucknow.
Goswami, Gautam. Resigns as District Magistrate of Patna.
Sharma Narinder. Transferred and posted as IGP, C&T, Chandigarh.
Thakur, Amitabh. Suspended as Gonda SP.
Tyagi, S.P. (Air Chief Marshal). Takes over as Chief of Air Staff.

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02 **Khangwal, Varsha.** Tops Haryana Civil Services exam.
Ravi Shankar. Gets railway pass to travel free by train anywhere in India.
Tendulkar, Sachin. Joins 9,000 run club.
Triveni Singh, Lieut. Lays down his life fighting militants.
03 **Kasturirangan, K. (Dr).** Won Ashutosh Mukherjee Memorial Award.
04 **Kher, Kiron.** Wins award at Pakistan fest.
07 **Ghosal, Saurav.** Won the British Open under-19 Junior Squash Championship.
Kumble, Anil. Best spinner to tour Australia in 25 yrs.
08 **Kapany, Narinder Singh.** Wins Pravasi Bharatiya Samman.
09 **Turner, Sukhi.** Honoured with Pravasi Bharatiya Samman.
13 **Raha, Subir.** Won the SCOPE award.
14 **Gupta, M.C.** Was conferred French Award.
17 **Dhindsa, Kuldeep Singh (Dr).** Honoured by the Indian Chemical Society.
Meenakshi, S. India's new Woman Grand Master.
Rai, Aishwarya. Voted most attractive woman.
Tejinder Singh. Sets a new record in the men's 85 kg class.
18 **Dua, H.K.** Wins C.K. Pithwala National Award for 2002.
Harcharan Singh. Wins Lal Singh Award.
Harika, Dronavalli. Becomes the youngest Woman Grand Master.
19 **Chhatrapati, Ramchandra.** His widow gets Rs. 5 lakh.
22 **Anand, Chetan.** Won National Singles Badminton championship in Hyderabad.
Popat, Aparna. Wins National Singles Badminton championship in Hyderabad.
24 **Johl, Sardara Singh (Dr).** Honoured with Padma Bhushan.
Kapoor, Mahendra. Selected for Kavi Pradeep Samman.
Laxman, V.V.S. Scores his career-best 131 runs.
25 **Chatterjee, Soumitra.** Selected for Padma Bhushan Award.
Gulzar. Selected for Padma Bhushan.
Inder Singh. Presented the Pride of Phagwara Award.
26 **Amrita Pritam.** Gets Padma Vibhushan Award.
Narlikar, Jayant Vishnu. Awarded Padma Vibhushan.
Raj Kumar. Gets Shaurya Chakra.
Triveni Singh, Lieut. Honoured with Ashok Chakra.
27 **Mittal, Lakshmi.** Adjudged third richest in London.
29 **Advani, L.K.** Chosen for Outstanding Parliamentarian Award.
Johar, Harnam Das. Leads delegation to Pakistan.
30 **Bindra, Abhinav.** Shoots gold at Munich.
Sahai, Suman (Dr). Wins the Borlaug Award.

Subba Rao, I.V. (Dr). Won the Borlaug Award.

February

01 **Advani, L.K.** Inaugurates Frequency Modulation radio in Chennai.
02 **Mirza, Sania.** Bags US title.
09 **Naik, Ram.** Dedicates to nation the first LNG terminal in Dahej.
11 **Alok Kumar.** Wins third senior National Billiards championship.
21 **Mirza, Sania.** Wins WTA-ING Vysya Hyderabad Open doubles tournament.
24 **Roy, Santosh Mohan.** Gets Sahitya Akademi award for 2003.
Sirdeshmukh, Trymbak Vinayak. Gets Sahitya Akademi Award for 2003.

March

03 **Jasmine, Meera.** Adjudged the best actress at the Kerala State Film Awards 2003.
Venu, Nedumudi. Gets best actor Award at Kearla State Film Awards 2003.
Vijayaraghvan, Rajiv. Gets the best feature film award.
04 **Rathore, Rajyavardhan Singh.** Wins the Shooting World Cup in Sydney.
09 **Advani, L.K.** Begins Bharat Uday yatra.
12 **Laxman, R.K.** Wins Yashwantrao Chavan National Award for 2003.
17 **Shobha, J.J.** Sets a National record in Hepthalon in New Delhi.
22 **Agashe, Mohan.** Gets Goethe Medal.
30 **Chaudhury, Rajendra (Dr).** Wins one million pounds in damages.
Sehwag, Virender. Made 309 runs against Pakistan at Multan.
Sethi, Pramod Karan (Dr). Gets life time achievement award for Jaipur Foot.

April

11 **Badrinath, S.S. (Dr).** Wins Rameshwardas Birla Award.
22 **Chetri, Sanjog.** Awarded Ashok Chakra.
24 **Dhindsa, Kuldeep Singh (Dr).** Given Best Scientist Award.
Gupta, Harinder. Won Rs. 10 lakh Hero Golf Chandigarh Open.
25 **Gulzar.** Gets life time achievement award in New York.

June

10 **Alok Kumar.** Wins Asian Snooker championship.
21 **Subbalakshmi, M.S.** Conferred Lifetime Achievement Award.
25 **Subbalakshmi, M.S.** Conferred the Sangeetha Saraswathi Award.
27 **Kamal, Achanta Sharath.** Won Gold in 16th Commonwealth TT Championship.
30 **Bhagwati, Jagdish (Prof).** Chair named after him created in Columbia University.
Gulzar. Honoured with Padma Bhushan.
Kamath, M.V. Honoured with Padma Bhushan.
Seshagopalan, T.N. Honoured with Padma Bhushan.
Venkatachaliah, M.N. Gets Padma Vibhushan Award.

July

05 **Gandhi, Sonia.** Named as Star of Asia by the *Business Week.*
Karnik, Kiran. Named among 25 'Stars of Asia' by the *Business Week.*
07 **Harbhajan Singh.** Back in Indian Cricket Team.
10 **Sinha, Tapan.** Gets first Kolkata Ratna.
15 **Bashi, V.V. (Dr).** Performs a complex cardiac surgery.
20 **Kakodkar, Anil (Dr).** Selected for Modi Award.
22 **Agnivesh (Swami).** Wins Rajiv Award.
Joshi, Vandana. Enters Guinness Book of World Records for largest Rangoli.

23 **Puri, Om.** Awarded the Order of the British Empire.

24 **Mahadevan, Iravatham.** Wins Subramanian T.S. Award for classic on Tamil epigraphy.

25 **Hemal, Ashok K. (Prof).** Wins Dr B.C. Roy National Award.

30 **Jasjit Singh (Jaggi).** First Turbaned Sikh in US police.
Kidwai, A.R. Conferred "Naitik Samman".

31 **Lamba, Hemant.** Wins £ 30000 Green Oscar Award.

August

01 **Patnaik, Sudarshan.** Wins International Sand Sculpture Championship.
Premji, Azim. Among 3 Indians in Asia's Power-25.
Talwar, K.K. (Dr). Wins Dr B.C. Roy National Award for 2002.

02 **Bhupathi, Mahesh.** Wins the Tennis Masters in Canada.
Paes, Leander. Wins the Tennis Masters in Canada.
Ramdas, L. (Admiral) Wins Magsaysay Award.

03 **Agarwal, S.P.** Gets Dr. B.C. Roy National Award.
Thakur, C.P. Gets Dr. B.C. Roy National Award.

04 **Chawla, Kalpana.** NASA names supercomputer after her name.
Gill, Harjit Singh. Becomes first Asian Sheriff in U.K.

05 **Manmohan Singh, Dr.** His birth place in Pakistan to be a modern village.

06 **George, Anju Bobby.** Will carry India's flag at Athens.

08 **Anand, Viswanathan.** Won Chess Classic at Mainz.

14 **Sawant, Sandeep.** Bags the best feature film Swarna Kamal.

15 **Amalamary (Ms).** Wins Kalpana Chawla Award for Bravery.

17 **Rathore, Rajyavardhan Singh.** Wins Silver at Markopoulo Shooting Centre in Athens.

18 **Jaspal Kaur (Bibi).** Completes Thai translation of Guru Granth Sahib.

20 **Chowdhury, Bula.** Swims across the Palk Straits.
Gandhi, Sonia. Placed third by the Forbe magazine among most powerful women.
Mathew, Aneena Joseph. Wins Rajiv Gandhi Manav Seva Award, 2003.

23 **Rao, U.R. (Prof).** Placed among 10 international personalities.

28 **Ghosh, Gautam.** Wins National Film Award-2004.

31 **Gupta, Shivani.** Gets the Neerja Bhanot Award 2003.
Patil, Mangala. Gets Neerja Bhanot Award of 2004.
Solanki, Vikram. Recalled into the English cricket team.

September

01 **Sethi, Reetu.** Qualifies for umpiring at the US Open Tennis Tournament.

06 **Singh, Vijay.** Dethrones Tiger Woods.

07 **Pathan, Irfan.** Wins Emerging Player of the Year Award.
Rai, Aishwarya. Finds place in 'House of Wax' in London.

08 **Dravid, Rahul.** Wins the Player of the Year Award.

12 **Surekha, V.S.** Betters the National mark in women's pole vault.

23 **George, Anju Bobby.** Wins long jump gold in Japan.

28 **Singh, Amandeep.** Wins Northern India Prize Money Squash Championship.

October

02 **Akhtar, Javed.** Wins Sangeet Award.

04 **Chadha, Gurinder.** Her *Bride and Prejudice* premiere dazzles London.

05 **Chugh, Navneet Singh.** Named US Bar leader.

06 **Kumble, Anil.** Joins elite-400-wicket club.

09 **Bhatt, Ela.** Wins Lal Bahadur Shastri Award.
Patekar, Nana. Wins silver in shooting.
11 **Chhabria, Vidya.** In *Fortune's* list of top 50 powerful women.
Jayalalithaa, J. Given Golden Star of Honour and Dignity Award.
Rai, Aishwarya. Voted as the sexiest Indian actress.
12 **Ambani, Mukesh.** Named "most influential person in telecom in 2004".
Merani, Kumud. His Documentary wins Award.
13 **Paul, Angad.** His EMR adjudged as the best U.K. Feature film.
Tata, Ratan. Signs $2 billion deal with Bangladesh.
14 **Tata, Ratan.** Made the honorary citizen of North Jeolla Province.
15 **Chadha, Gurinder.** Her *Bride and Prejudice* tops UK charts.
Kaul, Gautam. Honoured with "Star of Italian Co-operation" medal.
Menon, Nikhila. Tops IES.
16 **Sarabhai, Mallika.** Presented the "ICA Honour Award".
17 **Habib Tanvir.** Wins the Legends of India Lifetime Achievement Award.
Mirza, Sania. Wins the $ 25000 ITF title at Logos, Nigeria.
Pawar, Sharad. Jayalalithaa says, "Pawar magic worked' in Maharashtra elections.
Pawar, Sharad. Sushma calls him "Man of the match" in Maharashtra elections.
Tanvir, Habib. Wins Lifetime Award.
18 **Bose, Swapan Sadhan.** Becomes Club Task Force member.
21 **Aathira Krishna.** Has entered the Guinness Book of World Records.
24 **Vimala Raman.** Crowned as Miss India Australia-2004.
25 **Apparao, Y.N.** Gets Eminent Engineers award.
26 **Naik, Cheryl.** Gets Australian Honour.
27 **Gopichand, Pullel.** Wins Asian Satellite title.
29 **Brar, Jagrup Singh.** Wins British Columbia by-election.
Mittal, Lakshmi. Named the UK's richest man with estimated fortune worth £ 12 bn.
31 **Agarwal, Amar (Dr).** Gets Kelman Award.

November

01 **Namdeo Lakshman Dhasal.** Wins Lifetime Achievement Award of Sahitya Akademi.
03 **Chadha, Gurinder.** Honoured at the House of Commons.
04 **Dravid, Rahul.** Surges past Gavaskar's mark of 108 from 125 Tests.
Jindal, O.P. Given Lifetime Achievement Award by W.B. CM.
05 **Dravid, Rahul.** Completes 7,000 Tests runs.
Gowarikar, Ashutosh. Becomes member of Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science.
Noon, Gulam, Sir. Wins Internal Punjabi Society Award for 2004.
07 **Eapen, Koshy (Dr).** Named World's Outstanding Young Person.
08 **Nooyi, Indra.** Listed on 16th Position in *Wall Street Journal.*
10 **Anoushka Shankar.** Chosen as the *Time's* 20 Asian heroes under 40.
Jindal, Bobby. May get Pravasi Samman.
13 **Harika, Dronavalli.** Wins the under 14 Chess Championship.
17 **Badhwar, Inderjit.** Wins French award for debut novel.
Kothari, Gopa (Dr). Wins UNICEF award.
Kunte, Abhjit. Lifts the International Open Chess title.
18 **Sathyu, M.S.** Honoured with a life time achievement award at Nehru Centre, London.

23 **Brar Irina.**Sets a record at the Delhi Golf Course.
Gandhi, Sonia. Punjabi University Senate ratifies D. Litt for her.
Gurminder Singh. Wins 800 meter race in A-I PNB Inter-Zonal Sports Meet.
Rana, Abhishek. Created a new national record in one kilometer race.
24 **George, Rajiv.** Wins Rights Award.
26 **Sandhu, Ajeetesh.** Wins Eastern India Golf title.
27 **Ghosh, Gautam.** Gets BFJA Award in Kolkata.
Rathore, Rajyavardhan Singh. Reclaims double trap title.
28 **Sirhindi, Harchand Singh.** Gets Punjabi Lekhak Award.
29 **Harikrishna, Pendyala.** Becomes World Junior Chess Champion.
Patil, Bhimu. Gets outstanding scientist award.
Sehwag, Virender. His performance gives India the edge against South Africa.

December
01 **Dhaddha, Siddha Raj.** Wins Mahaveer Award.
Harbhajan Singh. Leaves SA struggling in cricket match.
02 **Amarinder Singh, (Capt).** Gets Hony. D. Litt. of GNDU.
Gagandeep Singh. Replaces Nehra in Indian cricket team.
Gupta, Renu (Dr). Selected for Rashtriya Gaurav Award.
03 **Janarthanan, K.** Given the Best Creative Child with Disability Award.
04 **Reddy, Shilpa.** Won the Mrs. India 2004 Contest.
05 **Amte, Baba.** Chosen for the fourth Paulose Mar Gregorios Award.
06 **Ghai, Subhash.** Will be honoured at the first IFF at Dubai.
Roy, Pranoy (Dr). Gets Award for Excellence in Journalism.
08 **Aulakh, B.S. (Dr).** Secured patent for his drug.
09 **Vinayak, Aasis.** Gets invitation from President of India.
10 **Ambani, Anil.** Named among Icons of the Year by Indian School of Business, Hyderabad.
Dadhwal, Suresh D. Singh (Lt). Bags Sword of Honour.
Kumble, Anil. Breaks Kapil's record.
11 **endulkar, Sachin.** Equals Sunil Gavaskar's record.
12 **Randhawa, Jyoti.** Wins volvo masters.
16 **Asokan, K.** Delivers the fastest verdict.
Shah, Jeevika. Crowned Mrs. India World.
Singh R.P. Gets Fellowship of Indian Academy of Engineering.
19 **Mittal, Sunil Bharti.** Awarded Qimpro Gold Standard 2004.
22 **Chatterjee, Upamanyu.** Wins the Sahitya Akademi Award.
Dangwal, Viren. Wins the Sahitya Akademi Award for 2004.
Lynette Niangty. Wins the "Miss Luit" beauty contest 2004.
Tamizhanban. Wins Sahitya Akademi Award for 2004.
Zachariah, Paul. Wins Sahitya Akademi Award for 2004.
28 **Venkatesh, S.** Adjudged as India's Best Player by A-I FF

ACCUSED. FIR LODGED

January
11 **Jain, Sajal.** Traced and found in Delhi in a rape case.
14 **Katwal, S.M.** Faces another case regarding changing of marks.
30 **Shekhar, Vijay.** Examined by CBI in justice-for-sale case.

February

02 **Ananth Kumar.** Faces allegations of writing off HUDCO loans to help private players.

17 **Jayalalithaa, J.** SC rejects her plea to transfer her case.

29 **Goel, Puneet.** Maneka seeks his ouster for poaching.

April

13 **Gowrishankara Swami (Sir).** Convicted for sex abuse.

16 **Tandon, Lalji.** Case against him for Lucknow stampede deaths.

18 **Dharamendra.** Case filed against him for making false statement.

20 **Chaudhury, Renuka.** A case is registered against her.

23 **Dharamendra.** His nikahnama presented in court.

June

30 **Bharadwaj, P.N.** Remanded to Police custody

July

01 **Gupta, S.K. (Dr).** Charged for declaring sane women as insane.

14 **Soren, Shibu.** Media reports him as proclaimed offender.

15 **Gavaskar, Sunil.** Police complaint against him.

23 **Bhandarkar, Madhur.** Charged with rape bid on Preeti Jain.

25 **Patel, Amisha.** Accuses her father of swindling money.

26 **Rastogi, Viren.** Faces fraud charges.

August

04 **Chandrasekhar Rao, K.** Arrest warrant issued against him.

11 **Sudan, Gaurav (Capt).** Misbehaves with a girl.

16 **Yadav, Pappu.** SC notice to Patna SSP on him.

23 **Jayalalithaa, J.** SC orders transfer of her case files.

Sanjiv Kumar. SC seeks status report on cases filed against him.

31 **Kohli, Maninderpal Singh.** UK seeks his extradition.

Srivastav, S.K. (Dr). A sexual harassment case registered against him.

September

19 **Yadav, Pappu.** SC issues notice to him.

29 **Dua, Parshottam Dass.** Caught taking bribe.

Rai, Narad. Non-bailable warrants issued against him.

30 **Sandhawalia, Dilraj Singh.** EC orders registration of case against him.

October

08 **Kamaljit Singh.** Deported from Germany.

11 **Singh, Prakash.** Questioned by the CBI at Kolkata for bribe.

13 **Narah, Baharat.** Accused of links with ULFA.

29 **Chawla, A.K.** HC issues contempt notice against him.

Gadaria, Rambabu Dayaram. His Gang kills 13 innocent villagers.

30 **Kunhalikutty, P.K.** Accused in sex scandal.

November

03 **Setlvad, Teesta.** Accused of "pressuring" Zaheera Sheikh in Best Bakery case.

07 **Bedi, Monica.** CBI to press for her extradition.

14 **Chautala, Om Prakash.** Congress presents a chargesheet against him.

17 **Singh, Raghuraj Pratap.** SC notice to him in POTA case.

20 **Janardhan Rao, S.** SC upholds his conviction in bribery case.

21 **Sharma, C.G. (Judge).** SC upholds his sacking.

23 **Jayendra Saraswathi.** Made an accused in a murder case.
28 **Adlakha, Saroj (Dr).** Faces inquiry in illegal abortion cases.
Deka, S. Kills his seven colleagues.
Garg, Sandeep. CBI seizes Rs. 2.3 crore from him.

December

06 **Laxman, Bangaru.** CBI books him in Tehelka case.
08 **Singh, T.N.** CBI registers a case against him.
10 **Chandraswami.** His involvement in Rajiv murder case suspected.
Naidu, N. Chandrababu. SC orders probe against him.
15 **Venkatesh, K.** Andhra Pradesh HC rejectes his writ petition for death.
19 **Yadav, Laloo Prasad.** FIR against him for code violation.
20 **Hussain, Rehman (Major).** Proceedings of GCM against him.
22 **Sheikh, Zahira.** Accused of receiving Rs.18 lakh for turning hostile.
25 **Fernandes, George.** FIR filed against him in Bihar for violation of Model Code.
26 **Saraswathi, Vijayendra.** Questioned in Sankararaman murder case.

ACQUITTED

January

19 **Guru, Shaukat Hussain.** His execution stayed by SC.
23 **Jayalalithaa, J.** Acquitted in SPIC case.

February

04 **Gandhi, Rajiv.** Delhi HC clears Rajiv Gandhi in Bofors case.
20 **Mohammad Afzal.** The execution stayed by the apex court.

April

16 **Marandi, Simon.** Discharged in JMM case.
27 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** SC quashes warrants against him.
28 **Dharamendra.** Plea against him dismissed.

July

01 **Mishra, Narayan.** Acquitted in assault case.
18 **Deuri, Jenny alias Indira.** Absolved of all charges.
24 **Rawat, Harak Singh.** Gets clean chit in a rape case.

August

14 **Taslimuddin, Mohammed.** Bihar Government withdraws case against him.
17 **Rahul alias Raosahib.** His death sentence converted into life imprisonment.
31 **Bharti, Uma.** Karnataka Govt withdraws cases against her.

September

01 **Antaryami.** Released alongwith other two Indian hostages in Iraq.

October

01 **Sandhawalia, Dilraj Singh.** EC reverts order against him.
11 **Khan, Nayeem Ahmed.** Released from jail.
15 **Arora, Samir.** Exonerated of all charges.
Jayalakshmi, A. SC rejects a SLP against her.
25 **Chandraswami.** Acquitted in St. Kitts case.

November

26 **Ganguly, Sourav.** ICC lifts two-Test ban on him.

December

03 **Mandal, T.** Released by his captors.
08 **Singh, Akhilesh.** SC discharges him in Syed Modi murder case.
17 **Bijoy Singh, N.G.** Released by KYKL activists.
24 **Amarinder Singh, (Capt).** His son absolved by Nehra Commission.
24 **Bharti, Uma.** Her suspension from BJP revoked.

APOLOGISED

December

02 **Bharti, Uma.** Apologises to Advani.

APPOINTED

January

01 **Roy, Chandan.** Took over as NTPC Chief.
Sinha, V.P. Appointed BSNL CMD.
Srivastav, S.K. (Dr). Took over as D-G of the India Meteorological Department.
Verma, L.R. (Dr). Appointed V-C of Himachal Pradesh University.
Verma, M.R. (Justice). Sworn in as Judge of Himachal Pradesh HC.
Verma, P.K. Appointed Resident Director of PHD CCI.
Vikas Pratap. Appointed M.D. of Milkfed.
05 **Mammen, Mathew (Lt-Gen).** Appointed Engineer-in-Chief.
06 **Aggarwal, Ashok.** Appointed A-G of Haryana.
Kher, A.K. (Maj-Gen). Appointed Colonel Commandant of Corps of EME.
08 **Bais, Ramesh.** Becomes Minister of State for Environment and Forests.
Banerjee, Mamta. Took charge of Coal and Mines in the Union Government.
Dhawan, Vinod. Appointed as President of Lupin.
Kathiria, Valabhabhai. Gets charge of Health and Family Welfare Ministry, GOI.
Modi, Yogendra K. Takes over as FICCI President.
Munda Karia. Gets Non-Conventional Energy Sources Ministry in GOI.
09 **Bhalla, Rajiv.** Sworn in as Punjab and Haryana High Court Judge.
Mittal, Ajay Kumar. Administered oath as Judge Punjab and Haryana HC.
11 **Judeja, Ajay.** Named as captain of North Zone team in Deodhar Trophy Match.
16 **Rajan, Y.S.** Appointed chairman of NIEE.
17 **Singh, Rajnath.** Gets charge of Food Processing Industries.
18 **Cheema, Daljit Singh (Dr).** Named SAD Secy.
19 **Chandrasekaran, V.** Appointed Aztec CEO.
Krishna Murthy, T.S. Takes over as Chief Election Commissioner.
20 **Bhattal, Rajinder Kaur.** Designated as Deputy CM of Punjab.
21 **Gopalaswami, N.** Appointed Election Commissioner.
25 **Gupta, R.S.** Heads probe panel on Burail jailbreak.
28 **Jha, Sachidanand.** Appointed Chief Justice of J&K HC.
29 **Daipai, Rampal.** Appointed Punjab PCC Gen. Secy.
30 **Baijal, Anil.** Appointed Union Home Secretary.
Sheikh, Zahira. SC admits her plea in Best Bakery case.
31 **Gandhvi, B.K.** Appointed Gujarat Congress Chief.
Sinha, J.K. Takes over D-G of CRPF.

February

01 **Devinder Kumar, Lt Gen.** Appointed Signal Officer-in-Chief.
Singh, J.J, Lt-Gen. Takes over as GOC-in-C Western Command.
Tirkey, Dilip. Named as India's Hockey Captain.
04 **Bhardwaj, J.R. (Lt-Gen).** Takes over as the D-G of AFMS.
08 **Baijal, Anil.** Takes over as Union Home Secretary.
28 **Bahia, A.S. (Lieut-Gen).** Takes over as DGMO at Army Headquarters.

March

06 **Abhyankar, R.M.** Appointed India's envoy of Belgium.
22 **Avtar Singh (Lt-Gen).** Took over as D-G of Defence Intelligence Agency.
31 **Kini, Ashok.** Takes over as SBI MD.

April

01 **Gujral, J.S., Air Marshal.** Takes over as Deputy Chief of Air Staff.
Mukherjee, Rani. Appointed Brand Ambassador for Dabur.
11 **Kapoor, Anish.** Chosen to create a memorial in New York.
16 **Parmar, S.S.** Appointed additional chief secretary, HP.
27 **Ambani, Anil.** Appointed Vice-Chairman of the Indian Petro Chemicals Ltd.
30 **Mittal, V.K.** Appointed the new Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh.

May

22 **Chidambaram, P.** Given Finance in the Union Cabinet Portfolio.
23 **Maran, Dayanidhi.** Appointed Union Communication and IT Minister.
Nair, T.K.A. To be the Principal Secretary to PM.
Patil, Shivraj. Appointed Union Home Minister.
Pawar, Sharad. Appointed Union Agricultural Minister.
Singh, Natwar. Appointed Union External Affairs Minister.
25 **Taslimuddin, Mohammed.** Inducted as a Minister in UPA Govt.
26 **Bachchan, Amitabh.** Will do 10 campaigns for Prasar Bharati for money he owes to it.
Dixit J.N. Appointed as the National Security Advisor.
Gupta, Usha. Appointed as the member of the Permanent Lok Adalat.
Pandove, R.P. Appointed Secretary of HPERC.
27 **Dixit J.N.** Takes over as the National Security Advisor.
Mukherjee, Pranab. Nominated as Leader of House in LS.
28 **Chatterjee, Somnath.** Offered the post of Lok Sabha Speaker.
Sawaminathan, M.S. Asked to head the National Commission on Farmers.
31 **Malik, M.S. (Dr).** Takes over as the DGP of Haryana.

June

03 **Joshi, B.L.** Appointed Lt.-Governor of Delhi.
05 **Banerjee, Milon.** Appointed Attorney General of India.
11 **Chaturvedi, B.K.** Appointed Cabinet Secretary.
16 **Ahluwalia, Montek Singh.** Appointed Planning Commission Deputy Chief.
Bhatia, R.L. Appointed Governor of Kerala.
Jakhar, Balram. Appointed Governor of Madhya Pradesh.
27 **Rao, Prabha.** Appointed Maharashtra PCC chief.
28 **Jain, Rajat.** Appointed V-P and MD of Walt Disney Co (India).
Pandit, Mohammad Shafi. Appointed JKPSC chairman.
29 **Dhirendra Singh.** Appointed new Home Secretary of India.

Singh, Ajay Vikram. Named as Defence Secretary of India.
Sinha, Dalip. To be MEA spokesman.
30 **Kamaljit Singh.** Took over as ITBP Chief.

July

01 **Ahuja, Sunil.** Takes over as Haryana Chief Secretary.
02 **Bhavnani, Ajit.** Named as the next Chief of the Strategic Forces Command.
Lakhera, M.M. Appointed as the Lt-Governor of Pondicherry.
05 **Jamir, S.C.** Appointed Governor of Goa.
Sharma, Nawal Kishore. Appointed Governor of Gujarat.
07 **Bipin Chandra (Prof).** Appointed NBT Chief.
Doval, Ajit Kumar. Appointed as the Director of I.B.
Rao, Nirupama. Appointed India's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka.
09 **Mukherjee, Shiv Shankar.** Appointed India's envoy to Nepal.
10 **Dutta, Rono J.** Takes over as President of Air Sahara.
19 **Lakhanpal, K.R.** Appointed Principal Secretary Finance, Punjab.
20 **Singh, Raghuraj Pratap.** Appointed Food and Civil Supplies Minister in UP Cabinet.
21 **Borwankar, Meera Chadha.** Becomes Commissioner of the Mumbai Crime Branch.
25 **Raghuvar Das.** Appointed President of BJP in Jharkhand.
26 **Rao, C.S.** Appointed as President and CEO of the Lucent Technologies (India).
31 **Acharya, Sarthi (Dr) Prof.** Took over as director for IDS.
Arun Prakash (Admiral). Takes over as the 20th Chief of the Naval Staff.
Borkar, Susheel Narhari. Takes over as D-G and I-G of Karnataka Police.
Himanshu Kumar. Took over as new D-G of Sashastra Seema Bal
Singh, R.P. Takes over as D-G Tihar jail.

August

01 **Bhandari, M.C. (Lt-Gen).** Takes over as D-G of NCC.
02 **Saran, Shyam.** Takes over as Foreign Secretary, GOI..
03 **Sidhu, Shivender Singh (Dr).** Named as Manipur Governor.
04 **Dutt, Shekhar.** Assumes charge as Secretary Defence Production and Supplies.
06 **Singh, Kalyan.** Made UP BJP chief.
20 **Drabu, Hasseb A.** Appointed Chief of the J&K Bank.
Singh, Arun Kumar. Takes over as D-G of Coast Guard.
21 **Dewan, Shalini.** Appointed UNIC Director.
24 **Sen, Nirupam.** Takes charge at UN.
28 **Goel, S.K.** Takes over as Executive Director of the Allahabad Bank.
31 **Chakrabarty, Kamalesh Chandra.** Joins PNB as its Executive Director.
Ramakrishna, K. Takes over as ED of Bank of Baroda.
Sahani, K.M. Appointed as Labour Secretary, GOI.

September

01 **Arora, Punita (Lt-Gen).** Becomes Army's first woman Lt-Gen.
Ghosh, Meenakshi Dutta. Appointed Advisor, Planning Commission.
Mishra, Pramod Kumar (Dr). Takes over as Member Secretary, NCR Planning Board.
02 **Banerjee, U.C. (Justice).** Heads panel on Godhra.
Krishna Kumar (Prof). Appointed NCERT Director.
16 **Aulakh, K.S. (Dr).** Nominated to ICAR Society and its Governing Body.
28 **Leeladhar, V.** Joins NABARD Board.

Vijay Singh. Appointed Chief Secretary of MP.
29 **Kidwai, A.R.** Takes over additional charge as Governor of Punjab.
30 **More, Kiran.** To head cricket selection panel.

October

01 **Malik , S.K. (Air Marshal).** Appointed Vice-Chief of Air staff.
Menon, S.N. Takes over as Commerce Secretary, GOI.
02 **Bandhopadhyay, Padmavathy (Air Marshal).** Achieves second highest rank in IAF.
05 **Pande, P.C.** Shifted to ITBP as ADGP.
07 **Bhutani, Kanwar.** Takes over as President of the Tupperware US.
Nair, P. Madhavan. Continues as President's Secy. after retirement.
13 **Tagore, Sharmila.** Appointed as head of Censor Board.
14 **Chauhan, R.C. (Dr).** Appointed Director of Longowal Engineering Institute.
Tripathi, P.K. Transferred to the Union I.B. Ministry as Jt. Secretary.
15 **Kabilan, S.** Appointed Assam Chief Secretary.
16 **Sharma, R.S.** Takes over as Executive Director (commercial) of NTPC.
18 **Advani, L.K.** Appointed President of BJP.
25 **Dutt, Sunil.** To be Chairman of Organising Committee of Commonwealth Games.
26 **Mohan, Rakesh (Dr).** Appointed Finance Secretary, GOI.
27 **Sharma, R.K.** Takes over as CMD of Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC).
29 **Patil, R.R.** Takes over Deputy Chief Minister of Maharastra.
Sidhu, Balwinder Singh. Appointed Director of Agriculture, Punjab.
30 **Keshava Rao, K.** Appointed PCC Chief of Andhra Pradesh.
Shinde, Sushil Kumar. Appointed Andhra Pradesh Governor.
31 **Khurana, S.M. Paul.** Appointed VC of Jabalpur University.
Tyagi, S.P. (Air Chief Marshal). Named as IAF chief.

November

01 **Joshi, Avinash Deodatta.** Took over as AOC-in-C of the Eastern Air Command.
02 **Nagalia, A.K., Air Marshal.** Heads personnel at Air Headquarters.
04 **Pradeep Singh.** Appointed India's Ambassador to Finland.
Sood, Rakesh. Appointed India's Ambassador to Afghanistan.
05 **Chawdhary, Santosh.** Heads Safai Karamchari Commission.
06 **Salman Khursheed.** Appointed President of UPPCC.
08 **Sharma, Ram Babu.** Takes over as DPCC Chief.
09 **Sandhu, D.D.S. (Major-Gen)** Nominated as the Col. Commandant of AOC.
11 **Kaul, A.K. (Prof).** Appointed Vice-Chancellor of the National Law University, Jodhpur.
12 **Radhakrishnan, S.** Appointed TMB's Chairman.
15 **Bansal, Narendra Kumar.** Appointed V-C of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University.
17 **Aftab, M.S.** Appointed Vijaya Bank Executive Director.
Goyal, Sunil. Taken on the Board of IFAC.
Parthasarathy, K. Appointed CMD for Hindustan Steelworks.
Shetty, V.P. Appointed CMD for Canara Bank.
19 **Reddy, Jeevan.** Heads panel on Manipur Act.
20 **Mallikarajun Sharma, B.** Appointed MD of the New Bank.
Samanta, Ashim. Appointed as additional director on the board of HDFC Bank.
21 **Sudha, S.** Appointed general secretary for AIDWA.
26 **Dewan, Rajan.** Made standing counsel by GOI in H.P. HC.

Naqvi, M.A. Retained as incharge of HP.
Siddiqui, M.S.A. Heads the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions.
27 **Ola, Sis Ram.** Gets Mine Ministry in the GOI.
Singh, J.J., Lt-Gen. Named as the next COAS
Soren, Shibu. Reinducted into the Union Cabinet.
28 **Chopra, Jagjit Singh (Dr).** Heads world neuro body.
Kuldeep Kumar. Appointed HP Congress Chief.
29 **Gill, A.S.** Takes over as DGP of Rajasthan.
Gupta, Anuradha. Takes over as the Member Secretary of AICTE.
Habibullah, Wajahat. Appointed Panchayat Raj Secretary.
Khanna, Kamal Krishan (Lt-Gen). Takes over as the Commandant of IMA.
Lall, Rajiv B. Appointed MD of IDFC.
Prem Kumar, R.M. Appointed Textile Secretary in GOI.

December

01 **Ganesan, R.** Appointed as Secretary, Department of Posts.
Reddy, Bollampally Subhashan (Justice). Transferred to Kerala as CJ.
Saini Mehar Singh (Dr). Appointed chairman of Haryana PSC.
Singh, Santosh. Appointed a member of Haryana PSC.
03 **Basu, Prahlad.** Heads PSUs panel.
Jain, N.C. (Justice). Takes over as Chairman of HP Human Rights Commission.
Negi, G.S., Lt Gen (Retd). Appointed PSC Chairman of Uttaranchal.
06 **Sharma, Nagendra (Dr).** Appointed VC of Sher-e-Kashmir University, Jammu.
08 **Bharadwaj, R.N.** Takes over as LIC Chief.
Prem Kumar, R.M. Appointed Maharashtra Chief Secretary.
Surjewala, Randeep Singh. Appointed AICC Secretary and Youth Congress President.
09 **Chopra, V.K.** Assumes charge as CMD of Corporation Bank.
10 **Sreedhar, V.** Took over as CMD of UCO Bank.
Varghese, Cherian. Appointed CMD of the Union Bank of India.
13 **Venugopalan, M.** Appointed Chief of the Federal Bank.
14 **Anantharaman, G.** Appointed whole time member of SEBI.
Tata, Ratan. Appointed Chairman of the Investment Commission.
16 **Gupta, P.K.** Heads the National Housing Bank.
18 **Namrita Kaur.** Commissioned into IAF.
Suprita Kaur. Gets commision into IAF.
19 **Mathur, S.B.** Appointed Administrator of SUUTI.
Memani, K.N. Takes over as PHDCCI chief.
22 **Nayak, P.J.** Comes back as CMD of UTI Bank.
24 **Nirmal Singh.** Appointed NHRC Secretary-General.
26 **Qureshi, Abdul Wahid (Prof).** Appointed V-C of University of Kashmir
28 **Kanwar, Onkar Singh.** Took over as FICCI President.
Mashelkar, R.A. (Dr). Takes over as the President of INSA.
Nehra, B.S., Justice. Appointed as chairman of enquiry into Punjab CM's son case.
29 **Rangarajan, C. (Prof).** Appointed Chairman of Economic Advisory Council.
30 **Balasubramanian, N.** Appointed CMD of Small Industries Development Bank of India.

31 **Goel, O.P.** Takes over as the President of the Institution of Engineers (India), Lucknow.
Sharma Narinder. Transferred and posted as IGP, C&T, Chandigarh.
Tyagi, S.P. (Air Chief Marshal). Takes over as Chief of Air Staff.

ARRESTED

January
15 **Jain, Sajal.** Held in a rape case.
17 **Mehta, Bulbul.** Sent in Police remand in human trafficking case.
30 **Chura, Narain Singh.** Held in jail break case.
February
20 **Butt, Yasin.** Arrested by J&K Police.
April
08 **Brar, Lakhvinder Singh.** Arrested on charges of forgery and cheating.
June
29 **Kanjla, M.S.** Arrested in Bitumen scam.
July
15 **Kohli, Maninderpal Singh.** Arrested on the charge of rape and murder.
Singh, K.P. Faces arrest warrant in 21-year old case.
20 **Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav.** Shifted to jail hospital.
August
01 **Deo, Bhubaneswar Singh.** Arrested for child torture.
Singh, Ram Kishore. Sent to jail.
13 **Gupta, R.K. (Dr).** Arrested at Saharanpur.
14 **Harnek Singh.** Arrested by Punjab Police.
16 **Sikhdar, Jyotirmoyee.** Her husband held for running a brothel.
28 **Chandra, Pushkin.** Three held in his murder case.
Khan, Gulzar. Arrested at Haldwani.
31 **Biyani, Alok.** Arrested.
September
29 **Shah, Shabir Ahmad.** Detained by police for indulging in anti-poll campaign.
October
05 **Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav.** Sent to Beur jail.
16 **Hussain, Mohammed Iliyas.** Remanded to Judicial custody.
Prabhjinder Singh alias Dimpy. Remanded in poliçe custody.
November
11 **Jayendra Saraswathi (Kanchi Sankaracharya).** Arrested in AP on murder charge.
17 **Zarda, Salim.** Rearrested in Godhra case.
23 **Bains, M.S.,** Col. Remanded in judicial custoday.
24 **Ramakrishna, K.** Arrested in Hyderabad by CBI while accepting bribe.
26 **Jayendra Saraswathi.** Judicial remand for him in both cases.
December
08 **Advani, Ashok.** Arrested by Mumbai Police.
16 **Ravi Raj.** On police remand.
17 **Bajaj, Avnish.** Arrested in DPS sex clip case.
19 **Krishnaswamy alias Appu.** Arrested in Balakrishnapuram.
Rahul Gopal. Arrested and suspended.

24 **Iyer, N. Sundaresa.** Arrested in Sankararaman murder case.

26 **Subramanian, Ravi.** Arrested in Guruvayur in murder case.

30 **Raghu.** Arrested in Sankararaman murder case.

BAIL GRANTED

January

14 **Jogi, Ajit.** Gets bail in forgery case.

12 **Sidhu, Ravinder Pal Singh.** Gets bail after 22 months in jail.

24 **Mehta, Bulbul.** Gets bail in human trafficking case.

29 **Trivedi, Suresh (Dr).** Gets bail in Kidney case.

February

07 **Vaiko.** Released on bail.

June

28 **Vaze, Sachin.** His bail confirmed.

July

30 **Bhandarkar, Madhur.** Granted anticipatony bail.

September

30 **Mohamed Ali, A.P.** Released on conditional bail.

October

09 **Bharti, Uma.** Granted bail by a Bhopal Court.

15 **Sharma, Manu.** Granted bail.

November

09 **Gupta, Anara.** Gets conditional bail.

11 **Taslimudidn, Mohammed.** He gets bail in criminal cases against him.

December

29 **Ravi Raj.** Gets bail in DPS sex clip case

BAIL REJECTED

July

10 **Gupta, Jai Prakash.** Bail denied to him.

21 **Singh, Prabhunath.** SC's no to stay warrant against him.

BOOK RELEASED

January

05 **Kapil Dev.** His autobiography, *Straight from the Heart* released.

CHARGES FRAMED - CHARGESHEETED

January

07 **Bhattal, Rajinder Kaur.** Case against her to stay.

Bhattal, Rajinder Kaur. Her receipts to go to vigilance.

10 **Lakhani, Hemant.** Pleads not guilty in missile plot.

17 **Jogi, Ajit.** Questioned by CBI in corruption case.

20 **Hooda, Bhupinder Singh.** Dowry case against him.

25 **Bhattal, Rajinder Kaur.** HC refuses to defer framing of charges against her.

29 **Kapoor, M.P. (Dr).** Booked for graft.

April

20 **Hameed, Moinuddeen Ahmed.** Testifies in missile plot.

October

09 **Amarinder Singh, (Capt).** Charges framed against him in defamation case. Gets bail.

December

21 **Virk, S.S.** Chargesheeted for over-staying in Punjab.

CRITICISED. IN CONTROVERSY. INDICTED

January

01 **Raninder Singh.** Badal rejects special inquiry against him.
Yadav, Laloo Prasad. Patna University proposes award of doctorate to him.
02 **Lyngdoh, J.M.** His remarks against political leaders criticised.
03 **Khan, Salman.** Allowed to go abroad.
04 **Joginder Singh.** Not to appear before Akal Takht.
06 **Vaidya, A.L. (Justice).** Receives HC notice on appointment as rights panel chief.
07 **Joginder Singh.** Fails to appear at Akal Takht.
08 **Naidu, N. Chandrababu.** SC to hear petition against Naidu.
11 **Gandhi, Sonia.** She raps BJP on origin issue.
18 **Boparai, Swaran Singh.** Complaint against him sent to University by Governor.
20 **Dravid, Rahul.** Charged for changing the condition of the ball.

February

03 **Jois, Rama (Justice).** Laloo seeks his recall.
04 **Fernandes, George.** No clean chit to him : Justice Phukan.

March

27 **Pandit, Lakshmi.** Disqualified for Gladrags contest.

April

12 **Tandon, Lalji.** His birthday party turns into a stampede disaster.
14 **Bedi, M.M. Singh.** His letter to newspapers is criticised.
21 **Bagga, D.S.** SC criticises his reinstatement as Chief Secretary of UP.
28 **Babu Parmanand.** Home Ministry sends its report to President on him.

May

27 **Singh, K.D., Col.** Denies the charge of fake killings.

June

23 **Chugh, Kewal Krishna.** Transferred for spelling Vadra as Vadhera.
27 **Kartar Singh.** 50 wrestlers submit memorandum against him.
30 **Bawa, K.C.** Contradictions on Godhra train fire emerge in his statement.

July

09 **Narasimha Rao, P.V.** Gets notice from Nanavati panel on 84 riots.
10 **Sunaina.** Her 'B' sample tests positive.
14 **Birla, Priyamvada.** Lodha files caveats in her will case.
16 **Gavaskar, Sunil.** Denies involvement in fraud.
22 **Gavaskar, Sunil.** Police disputes his claim.

August

05 **Sharma, Rakesh.** His documentary on Gujarat banned.
13 **Taslimuddin, Mohammed.** BJP criticises his appointment.
19 **Chanu, Sanamachu.** Fails drug tests.

September

26 **Ahluwalia, Montek Singh.** His decision to appoint foreign experts opposed.

30 **Mahendra, Ranbir Singh.** Refutes Pawar's charge.

October

05 **Dhillon, J.S.** Again under cloud as Amritsar Khalsa College Principal.

Nabla, D.R. alias Ranjan Daimari. Put on Interpol wanted list.

11 **Sonia.** Khap panchayat creates problem in her marriage.

12 **Sandhu, B.S. Col. (Retd).** HC orders him to demolish Forest Hill Club.

14 **Kher, Anupam.** Gives ultimatum to Harkrishen Singh Surjeet.

15 **Chahal, Bharat Inder Singh.** HC seeks his explanation for interference with the administration of Justice.

17 **Gujral, I.K.** Humiliated at Wagah Boarder.

19 **Kher, Anupam.** Files suit against Harkishen Surjeet.

21 **Bagga, D.S.** His increment withheld.

27 **Gogoi, Tarun.** Sonia angry with him for concealing links with ULFA.

28 **Boparai, Swaran Singh.** Told not to use honorific Padma Shri.

November

02 **Sharma, Satish.** BJP opposes withdrawing cases against him.

03 **Chakraborty, Subhas.** Storm over his links with criminal.

Setlvad, Teesta. Zahira files complaint with NCW against her.

Sheikh, Zahira. Retracts her statements before a Mumbai court.

Sidhu, Balwinder Singh. His appointment sparks off protests.

05 **Gandhi, Gonia.** Says I am not power behind throne.

06 **Setlvad, Teesta.** Moves SC for CBI probe into Zahira episode..

Sukh Ram. Former PM Rao deposes against him.

08 **Krishnaswamy, S. (Air Chief Marshal).** Indicted by Delhi HC.

09 **Bedi, Monica.** She writes to President of India seeking his help in cases against her.

10 **Bharti, Uma.** Challenges BJP President, Advani.

12 **Kunhalikutty, P.K.** His sex secandal puts UDF in a dilemma.

13 **Setlvad, Teesta.** Says pained but not defeated for Zaheera's allegations.

16 **Chautala, Om Prakash.** Refussed permission to visit Pakistan.

Kapoor, S.D. SC gives notice to centre on his extension as MMTC Chairman.

17 **Ambani, Mukesh.** Admits "ownership issues" with brother Anil on CNBC-TV 18.

18 **Ajwani, P.K.** To undergo lie detector tests.

Jayendra Saraswathi. Tells court that he is being implicated falsely.

19 **Banerjee, B.P.** His allotment of plot cancelled by SC.

24 **Jayalalithaa, J.** Her effigy burnt by activists of Sangh Privar

27 **Calcutta, Manjit Singh.** His appointment as patron challenged.

28 **Advani, L.K.** His resignation demanded by Congress.

29 **Bangar, K.C. (Dr).** Asked to submit resignation as Haryana PSC Chief.

December

02 **Dixit, Sheila.** Says no equity dilution in discoms

Ganguly, Sourav. Penalised for dissent in Test match.

Gurdit Singh, Giani. Declared tankhaiya by Takhat Patna Sahib.

Prem Kumar, K. Singhal questions his credentials as investigator.

04 **Dhariwal, Rasik.** Under scanner.

Munda, Arjun. Pulled up by the EC for distributing ration cards with his photo.
08 **Brahmbhatt, R.B.** Pulled up by the special court.
Yadav, Pappu. Mobile Phone recovered from him in Patna Jail.
09 **Paswan, Ram Vilash.** Involved in Laloo-Paswan spat.
11 **Gurpreet Kaur.** Her madals withdrawn.
13 **Singh, R.K.** Probe panel indicts him.
16 **Gupta, Pankaj.** Punished by Maharashtra Government.
Manhas, K.L. Stripped of prosecution powers.
26 **Bhatti, Gurpreet Kaur.** Rushdie backs her for her play, Behzti.

ELECTED

January
21 **Dhindsa, Sukhdev Singh.** Re-elected as CFI Chief.
28 **Sethi, S.P.** Elected as Rotary Distt. Governor.
February
01 **Yadav, Mulayam Singh.**Wins by-election from Gunnaur Vidhan Sabha constituency.
March
01 **Goswami, Samir.** Elected President of the Public Relations Society of India.
04 **Srinivasan, N.** Chosen as the Director-General of CII.
06 **Heptullah, Najma (Dr).** Becomes President of Indo-Arab Society.
19 **Gill, Manohar Singh.** Elected to the Rajya Sabha.
Karunakaran, K. Elected to the Rajya Sabha.
Tohra, Gurcharan Singh. Elected as SGPC Chief.
April
01 **Mahajan, Sumitra.** Her election upheld.
05 **Govinda.** Becomes a Congress Candidate from NW-Mumbai.
11 **Patnaik, Jagannath.** Elected BCI Chief.
16 **Sidhu, Navjot Singh.** BJP fields him from Amritsar.
June
04 **Chatterjee, Somnath.** Elected as Lok Sabha Speaker.
09 **Atwal, Charanjit Singh.** Elected Lok Sabha Deputy Speaker.
28 **Chautala, Ajay.** Elected as Rajya Sabha member.
Grewal, Gurmant. Elected to the House of Commons of Canada.
Tarlochan Singh. Elected as member of Rajya Sabha.
29 **Nakai, Sandeep.** Elected to SJFI.
July
22 **Khan, K. Rahman.** Elected R.S. Deputy Chairman.
24 **Devendra Mohan.** Elected as Chairman of Press Club.
August
18 **Singh, Mrigendra Pratap.** Elected Speaker of Jharkhand.
September
16 **Ramakrishnan, Therambil.** Elected as Kerala Assembly Speaker.
22 **Jagir Kaur (Bibi).** Elected president of S.G.P.C.
27 **Shenoy, P.S.** Elected IBA chairman.
29 **Mahendra, Ranbir Singh.** Elected BCCI Chief.

October

04 **Amrita Pritam.** Elected fellow of the Sahitya Akademi.

13 **Ramesh Kumar (Dr).** Elected as Chief of college principals' body of Haryana.

16 **Gawli, Arun Gulub.** Wins Vidhan Sabha Chinchopkli seat.

Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav. Elected to the Lok Sabha from Madhepura.

Sayeed, Mufti Mohammad. Wins election from Pahalgam.

27 **Singh, R.K.** Elected chairman of World EC of the Union of International Railways.

29 **Deshmukh, Vilasrao.** Elected to be Maharashtra's CM.

November

01 **Ananth Murthy, U.R.** Elected to Sahitya Akademi.

03 **Amarinder Singh, (Capt).** His election to Punjab Vidhan Sabha upheld.

Jindal, Bobby. Wins from Louisiana in USA..

06 **Kupekar, Babasaheb.** Elected Maharashtra Assembly Speaker.

20 **Jaipal Reddy, S.** Elected IGNCA Chief.

December

19 **Berlia, Sushma.** Elected Vice-President of PHDCCI for 2004-05.

28 **Dasmunshi, Priya Ranjan.** Elected as AIFF Chief.

HONOUR DECLINED

January

04 **Vajpayee, Atal Bihari.** Declines honorary doctorate of MS University Vadodara.

11 **Yadav, Laloo Prasad.** Refuses to accept honorary doctorate of Patna University.

March

31 **Pandit, Lakshmi.** Returns her Miss India-World-2004 crown.

May

19 **Gandhi, Sonia.** Gives statement for not becoming PM of India.

December

06 **Balamurali Krishna, M. (Dr).** Refuses Award named after Jayendra Saraswathi.

HOUSE RAIDED. SEARCHED

January

16 **Thakur, C.P.** CBI raids premises of his Secretary.

August

07 **Parekh, Nagendra.** His official residence raided by CBI.

KILLED

January

16 **Dar, Ghulam Rasool.** Shot dead in Zainakot.

25 **Mishra, Manish.** Thrown out of train, dies.

February

02 **Bhat, Mohammad Amin.** Shot dead outside Srinagar mosque.

April

02 **Mayank Mayur (Flt-Lt).** Killed in Air crash.

17 **Soundarya.** Killed in a plane crash.

25 **Mufti, Mehbooba.** Escapes militant attack.

July

11 **Manorama, Thangjam.** Arrested by Assam Rifles men and tortured to death.
15 **Jain, R.K.** Died in police custody.

August

13 **Yadav, Akku.** Lynched by women.

September

03 **Sankararaman, A.** Killed by a six-member gang in Kancheepuram.
29 **Bhat, Mohammad Yusuf.** Shot dead in Anantnag
30 **Shah, Mohd. Rafiq.** Shot dead by militants in Srinagar.

October

19 **Veerappan, Koose Muniswamy.** Shot dead by police.
21 **Balayogi, G.M.C.** His copter crash attributed to pilot's error.
Beigh, Safdar Ali. Shot dead in Anantnag.
29 **Singh, D.P. Maj Gen.** Died in air crash.

November

12 **Agrawal, N.K. (Dr).** Shot dead in Patna.
27 **Dhanak, Amar Singh.** Killed in mishap.

December

27 **Selvaraj, A. (Dr).** Killed in Tsunami tidal waves.
31 **Arunachalam, V.** alias Aladi Aruna. Murdered in Tamil Nadu.

MARRIED

February

15 **Laxman, V.V.S.** Marries Shailaja.

October

10 **Paul, Angad.** Marries Michelle in London.

November

24 **Beri, Ritu.** Ties nuptial knot with Bobby Chadha.

NON-BAILABLE WARRANTS ISSUED

January

18 **Khan, Amanullah.** Arrest warrant against him.

September

30 **Malik, Yasin.** NBW against him.

October

05 **Chaudhary, Ambika.** NB warrant against her.
14 **Bawa, Balbir Kumar.** Warrants against him.

November

09 **Taslimuddin, Mohammed.** NBW issued against him.

PARTY QUITTED, PARTY JOINED

January

05 **Nagmani.** Joins BJP.
17 **Sangma, P.A.** Severs ties with NCP.
19 **Sangma, P.A.** Joins NDA.

February

01 **Kalyan Singh.** Back in BJP fold.

03 **Singh, Amita.** Quits BJP.

Singh, Kalyan. Merges his RKP with BJP.

05 **Shukla, V.C.** Quits NCP and floats Rashtriya Jantantrik Dal.

16 **Gandhi, Maneka.** Joins the BJP.

Gandhi, Varun. Joins the BJP.

29 **Bangarappa, S.** Quits Congress party in Karnataka.

March

04 **Bangarappa, S.** Joins BJP.

06 **Hazarika, Bhupen.** Joins BJP.

13 **Sangma, P.A.** His faction merges with the Trinamool Congresss.

30 **Shiv Shankar, P.** Quits Congress.

April

04 **Shahabuddin, Syed.** Joins Congress.

11 **Alvi, Rashid.** Joins Congress party.

Jain, Ravindra. Joins BJP.

12 **Sukh Ram.** Rejoins Congress.

26 **Gill, Harminder Singh.** Joins Congress Party.

June

11 **Heptullah, Najma (Dr).** Joins BJP.

August

28 **Apang, Gegong.** Joined Congress Party.

November

23 **Jogpal, T.D.** Joins Congress Party.

25 **Chidambaram, P.** His Congress Janayaga Peravai merged with the Congress.

December

08 **Shastri, Sunil.** Quits BJP.

PASSED AWAY. DIED

January

03 **Bhaura, Bhan Singh, Comrade.** Died in New Delhi.

10 **Ezekiel, Nissim.** Passed away in Mumbai.

12 **Hegde, Ramakrishna.** Passes away in Bangalore.

Sharma, Yagya Dutt. Died of massive heart attack.

16 **Raj Krishna.** Died in Mumbai.

21 **Arunachalam, M.** Passed away.

Talwara, Joginder Singh. Died in Amritsar.

31 **Jog, V.G.** Passed away.

Suraiya. Passed away in Mumbai.

February

04 **Malika Pukhraj.** Died in Lahore.

26 **Chavan, S.B.** Died in Mumbai.

March

05 **Balkavade, Narsinghrao.** Died at Bhagur near Nasik.

06 **Asthana, Kameshwar Prasad.** Passed away at 84.

08 **Chandrashekhar, S. (Prof).** Died in Bangalore.
13 **Khan, Vilayat (Ustad).** Died in Mumbai.
22 **Tarkunde, V.M.** Passed away in New Delhi.
31 **Tohra, Gurcharan Singh.** Passed away in New Delhi.

April

07 **Mohapatra, Guru Kelucharan.** Passed away.
27 **Somayajulu, J.V.** Passed away in Hyderabad.
Thomas, A.M. Passed away in Kochi.

May

01 **Gupta, Ram Prakash.** Died in New Delhi.
16 **Markandaya, Kamala.** Died in London.

June

02 **Moraes, Dom.** Passed away.
12 **Mathur, Vishwanath.** Died in New Delhi.
26 **Johar, Yash.** Passed away in Bombay.

July

14 **Basavarajaiah, M.N.** Passed away in Mysore.
15 **Koyaji, Banu (Dr).** Passed away.
18 **Veerappa, Ramachandrappa.** Passed away in Hyderabad.
23 **Mehmood Ali.** Died in Pennsylvania.
24 **Azad, Jagannath (Prof).** Passed away in New Delhi.
28 **Das, Samar Ranjan.** Died in New Delhi.
29 **Joseph, Nafisa.** Commits suicide.
30 **Banerjee, Pratima.** Passed away in Kolkata.
Mukherjee, Hiren. Passed away.

August

01 **Venugopal Rao, M.** Passed away in New Delhi.
03 **Behl, Rajneesh.** Died in Mumbai.
Paul, Pothen. Passed away at Kochi.
14 **Botre, Ramchandra Vishnu.** Passed away in Ahmednagar.
15 **Chaudhary, Amarsinh.** Died in Ahmedabad.
Chitaranjan, Pebam. Succumbs to his injuries in Imphal.
21 **Routray, Sachidananda.** Died in Cuttack.
31 **Darji, Jindabhai.** Died in Surat.

September

06 **Shukla, Ramesh Chand.** Commits suicide.
24 **Ramanna, Raja.** Died in Mumbai.
25 **Kolatkar, Arun.** Died in Pune.
27 **Gurtu, Shobha.** Passed away in Mumbai.
Maurya, B.P. Passed away in New Delhi.
Tandon, Prakash. Passed away in Pune.
28 **Anand, Mulk Raj.** Passed away in Pune.

October

01 **Ram Singh (Dr).** Passed away at Hartford.
06 **Harbhajan Singh (Yogi).** Passed away at Espanola in New Mexico.
10 **Harbans Singh (Justice).** Passed away in Chandigarh.

11 **Rai, Gulshan.** Passed away in Mumbai.
13 **Roy, Nirupa.** Passed away in Mumbai.
14 **Thengdi, Dattopant.** Passed away in Pune.
18 **Vyas, Daya.** Passed away in Jaipur.
29 **Sharma, B.R.** Passed away.

November

02 **Joshi, Narmohan.** Died in Haridwar.
09 **Sarvanand Saraswati (Swami).** Passed away.
10 **Venkatasubramanian, K.** Died in Chennai.
15 **Sobhini Rajan.** Found dead.
24 **Bir, Sarwan Singh.** Passed away.

December

03 **Kalkat, Onkar Singh-Major-Gen (Retd).** Passed away in Chandigarh.
04 **Cristiano Junior.** Dies after scoring a goal.
05 **Pellisserry, Jopse.** Passed away at Chalakkudy in Thrissur.
10 **Khan, Abrar Mustafa (Prof).** Passed away in Aligarh.
11 **Subbalakshmi, M.S.** Passed away in Chennai at 88.
12 **Mir Qasim.** Passed away in New Delhi.
Qasim, Mir. Passed away in New Delhi.
16 **Berde, Laxmikant.** Died in Mumbai.
17 **Venkatesh, K.** Passed away in Hyderabad.
21 **Paintal, Avtar Singh.** Passed away in New Delhi.
22 **Devpura, Heeralal.** Passed away in Jaipur.
23 **Narasimha Rao, P.V.** Passed away at AIIMS New Delhi.
24 **Ramachandran, R.** Passed away in Madurai.
Thakur Singh (Baba). Passed away in Amritsar.
25 **Chakraborty, Nripen.** Passed away in Kolkata.
31 **Balkishen Singh.** Died at Patiala.

REMOVED. SACKED. RELIEVED

January

08 **Singh, Summeta (Mrs).** Was replaced as Mahila Congress Chief.
12 **Verma, Gopal Das.** Dismissed from service.

February

04 **Harbeant Singh.** Sacked by SGPC.

March

11 **Dar, Abdul Rashid.** Expelled from NC.

April

02 **Dadan Singh.** Dismissed as a Bihar Minister.
13 **Ganga Prakash.** Sacked for helping Telgi.

June

28 **Beliya, G.D.** Transferred as Registrar of Newspapers of India.
30 **Singh, Madhu.** Sacked as Minister for taking Rs. 50 lakh bribe.

July

02 **Babu Parmanand.** Dismissed by the Centre as Governor of Haryana.
Sahani, Kidar Nath. Dismissed as Governor of Goa.

Shastri, Vishnu Kant. Dismissed as Governor of Uttar Pradesh.
17 **Bhattal, Rajinder Kaur.** Divested of Agriculture Dept.
Shrivastava, A.P. (Justice). Dismissed for granting bail to Shahabudin.

September
26 **Khemka, Ashok.** Shifted from the post of Director, Secondary Education.

October
13 **Kher, Anupam.** Asked to resign as Censor Board Chief.

November
22 **Rodrigues, S.F., General (Retd).** Removes Dr. H.C. Modi as his Legal Advisor.
26 **Kohli, H.S., Col.** Sacked in fake encounter case.

December
14 **Chatterjee, Gautam (Prof).** Asked to resign as Principal of Sanawar School.
24 **Sheikh, Zahira.** Majlis-e-Shura ousts her from Muslim community.
27 **Nayak, Sunil.** Dropped as Minister of Madhya Pradesh.

RESIGNED

January
04 **Baig, Roshan.** Quits over Telgi issue.
14 **Shanmugham, N.T.** Quits Union Cabinet.
28 **Karnad, Girish.** Resigns from MIFF jury.

February
02 **Pathak, Bharat.** Resigns as NCP Gen Secy.

March
30 **Bhadana, Kartar Singh.** Resigns from the Chautala Cabinet.

April
16 **Jethmalani, Ram0.** Withdraws from Lucknow seat election.

May
13 **Vajpayee, Atal Bihari.** Submits his resignation as India's PM.
22 **Mishra, Brajesh.** Resigns as Principal Secy and NSA.
25 **Raval, Kirit.** Resigns as Solicitor-General of India.
25 **Sorabjee, Soli J.** Resigns as Attorney General of India.

July
07 **Ansari, Abbas (Moulvi).** Steps down as Chairman of Hurriyat Conference.
24 **Soren, Shibu.** Resigns from the Union Cabinet.
26 **Mallick, Pramila.** Resigns as Orissa Minister.
28 **Johl, Sardara Singh (Dr).** Resigns from Punjab Planning Board.

August
01 **Johl, Sardara Singh (Dr).** His resignation rejected.
22 **Bharti, Uma.** Quits as CM of MP.
29 **Antony A.K.** Resigns as Kerala Chief Minister.

October
07 **Saharya, A.B. (Justice).** Quits as POTA penal chief.
13 **Dahiya, R.P. (Dr).** Resigns as Devi Lal Varsity VC.
18 **Venkaiah Naidu, M.** Quits as BJP President.
25 **Khurana, Madan Lal.** Resigns as Rajasthan Governor.
28 **Rama Jois, M.** Resigns as Bihar Governor.

29 **Ramamohan Rao, P.S.** Resigns as TN Governor.

December

19 **Damodaran, M.** Quits as CMD of UTI Mutual Fund.
21 **Mongia, Nayan.** Announces retirement.
23 **Sudheeran, V.M.** Quits Kerala PCC panel.
31 **Goswami, Gautam.** Resigns as District Magistrate of Patna.

RETIRED

January

01 **Prithpal Singh.** Retires as BSNL CMD.
18 **Khan, Amjad Ali.** Calls its quits with Indian musicians.
24 **Singh, Robin.** Announces his retirement from cricket.
31 **Mehta, S.S. (Lt-Gen).** Retires as GOC-in-C Western Command.

May

31 **Das, Tarun.** Demits as D-G of CII.

December

15 **Raju, Venkatapathi.** Announces retirement.

SENTENCED

October

21 **Lahoriya, Daya Singh.** Gets life term for Mirdha's kidnapping.

December

08 **Gujjar, Jairamdas (Bab).** Gets life term for the murder of a woman.
21 **Surinder Singh (Major).** Dismissed from Army and gets three-year jail.
22 **Reddy, P. Ramasubha.** Gets life imprisonment.

SURRENDERED

July

23 **Gupta, S.K. (Dr).** Surrenders before Police in false certificates case.

August

07 **Ansari, Hafiz Hussain.** Surrenders in the court.

November

09 **Manhas, Manoj Kumar.** Surrenders at Nagrota.

SUSPENDED

March

29 **Khati, L.N.** Suspended as Apex Bank MD.

July

22 **Kannan, R.** Suspended as TN Education Director.

August

16 **Pratima Kumari.** Suspended on doping charges.
24 **Sandhu, Pal Singh.** Suspended by Union Sports Ministry.

October

08 **Mahnedra, Ranbir Singh.** Madras HC restrains him to run BCCI.
14 **Narayana, K.** Suspended as Deputy Excise Commissioner.

14 **Pratima Kumari.** Moves Delhi HC against life ban.

November

10 **Bharti, Uma.** Suspended from BJP.

14 **Ganguly, Sourav.** Suspended for two Tests.

December

31 **Thakur, Amitabh.** Suspended as Gonda SP.

SWORN IN

January

14 **Khurana, Madan Lal.** Sworn in as Governor of Rajasthan.

May

02 **Rajendra Babu, S.** Sworn in 34th Chief Justice of India.

14 **Rajashekhara Reddy, Y.S.** Sworn in as Andhra Pradesh CM.

16 **Patnaik, Naveen.** Sworn in as Orissa CM.

19 **Manmohan Singh, Dr.** To be the next Prime Minister of India.

20 **Manmohan Singh, Dr.** Takes over as India's Prime Minister.

27 **Dharam Singh, N.** Sworn in as Karnataka Chief Minister.

June

01 **Lahoti, R.C. Justice.** Sworn in as the 35th Chief Justice of India.

09 **Joshi, B.L.** Sworn in as Lt. Governor of Delhi.

July

05 **Rajeshwar, T.V.** Sworn in as Governor of Uttar Pradesh.

07 **Kidwai, A.R.** Sworn in as Governor of Haryana.

22 **Dosanjh, Ujjal.** Sworn in as Canada's Health Minister.

25 **Bhandari, Dalveer Chand (Justice).** Sworn in as the Chief Justice of Bombay HC.
Shirpurkar, Vikas Shridhar (Justice). Sworn in as CJ of Uttranchal HC.

August

06 **Sidhu, Shivender Singh (Dr).** Sworn in as Governor of Manipur.

23 **Gaur, Babulal.** Sworn in as CM of Madhya Pradesh.

31 **Chandy, Oommen.** Sworn in as Chief Minister of Kerala.

October

16 **Kabir, Altamas (Justice).** Appointed CJ of Punjab and Haryana HC.

November

01 **Deshmukh, Vilasrao.** Sworn in as Maharashtra CM.

02 **Buta Singh.** Sworn in as Bihar Governor.

03 **Barnala, Surjit Singh.** Sworn in as Tamil Nadu Governor
Gandhi, G.K. Appointed West Bengal Governor.

08 **Patil, Pratibha Devi Singh.** Sworn in as Rajasthan Governor.
Rodrigues, S.F., General (Retd). Appointed Governor of Punjab.

16 **Rodrigues, S.F., General (Retd).** Sworn in as Punjab Governor.
Thakur, Rameshwar. Sworn in as Governor of Orissa.

17 **Sodhi, Nauvdip Kumar (Justice).** Posted as the CJ of Karnataka HC.
Subhashan Reddy, B. (Justice). Transferred and posted as CJ of Kerala HC.

21 **Reddy, Bollampally Subhashan (Justice).** Sworn in as Kerala High Court C.J.

22 **Singh, Shailendra Kumar.** Appointed Governor of Arunachal Pradesh.

27 **Krishna, S.M.** Appointed Governor of Maharashtra.

28 **Katju, Markandey, Justice.** Sworn in as the Madras HC Chief Justice.
Roy, B.K., Justice. Appointed CJ of Gauhati HC.

December

02 **Razi, Sibtey.** Sworn in as Governor of Jharkhand.
06 **Krishna, S.M.** Sworn in as Maharashtra Governor.
14 **Gandhi, G.K.** Sworn in as Governor of West Bengal.

MISCELLANEOUS

January

02 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Gives accent to the Anti-Defection Bill.
05 **bdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Presents Gandhi Peace Prize to Vaclav Havel.
06 **Johl, Sardara Singh (Dr).** Advocates policies to improve rural economy.
07 **Miglani, M.K.** Asks scientists to develop insect and disease-resistant crops.
Rastogi, Karan. Made an ignominious exit.
08 **Prakash Amritraj.** Loses to Therry Ascione.
09 **Vajpayee, Atal Bihari.** Lifts ceiling on overseas investments
10 **Mishra, Brajesh.** Leaves for Beijing.
11 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Tells NRIs to help develop India.
12 **Hanspal, H.S.** Punjab Congress Leaders wants him to stay as PPCC President.
13 **Gill, Manohar Singh.** Poll timings decision is EC's right.
14 **Banerjee, Mamta.** Lambasts Centre on closure of collieries.
18 **Advani, L.K.** Welcomes Pervez's statement on terrorism.
Sangma, P.A. Meets Prime Minister Vajpayee for ties with NDA.
21 **Vajpayee, Atal Bihari.** Launches Krishi Television Channel in New Delhi.
22 **Beora, Paramjit Singh.** Escapes from the Burail Jail.
Dravid, Rahul. Indians spring to his defence.
Hawara, Jagtar Singh. Escapes from the Burail Jail.
Tara, Jagtar Singh. Escapes from Burail Jail.
25 **Kalmadi, Suresh.** Heads SAF Games delegation to Pakistan.
30 **Husain, Maqbool Fida.** Vandalized paintings were not his.

February

03 **Singh, Jaswant.** Presents the interim budget for 2004-05.
05 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Dissolves 13th Lok Sabha.
17 **Rana, Sher Singh.** Escapes from the Tihar Jail in New Delhi.
22 **Vajpayee, Atal Bihari.** Launches a social security scheme.
27 **Sayeed, Mufti Mohammad.** Escapes bid on life in Beerwah.

March

03 **Heptullah, Najma (Dr).** Makes veiled attack on Sonia.
09 **Advani, L.K.** Says Gujarat riots a blot on the nation.
13 **Bakht, Sikander.** A.B. Vajpayee pays tributes to him.

April

06 **Dutt, Sunil.** Has properties worth over Rs. 22 crore.
08 **Mufti, Mehbooba.** Escapes bid on life.
11 **Jogi, Ajit.** Critically hurt in a road accident.
Mittal, Lakshmi. Buys house for record £ 70 million.

14 **Vajpayee, Atal Bihari.** Advocates permanent peace with Pakistan.
15 **Dharamendra.** Files his nomination from Bikaner LS constituency.
16 **Bagga, D.S.** Summoned by SC in Taj Corridor case.
19 **Bilkis, Yakoob Rasool.** CBI chargesheets 20 in her case.
20 **Chidambaram, P.** Declares his assets more than Rs. 15 crore.
Hitange, Harish. Abducted in Warsaw.
21 **Badal, Sukhbir.** Owns assets worth 20.79 crore as per his affidavit.

May
26 **Awasthi, Suresh.** Sangeet Natak Akademi mourns his demise.

June
03 **Dhillon Baljit Singh.** Granted visa to USA.
27 **Malik, V.P. Gen. (Retd).** No Kashmir solution till infrastructure in POK demolished.
Pillay, Dhanraj. Confident of selection in Athene Games.
28 **Padmanabhaiah, K.** Meets Home Minister Patil about his talks with NSCN (IM).
30 **Liberhan, M.S. (Justice).** Concludes hearing in Babri case.

July
01 **Manmohan Singh, Dr.** Says that tainted minister will stay.
04 **Vajpayee, Atal Bihar.** Says poor show in elections not due to Gujarat riots.
06 **Yadav, Laloo Prasad.** Presents a Rs. 14,498 crore Railway Budget.
07 **George, Anju Bobby.** Slips to No. 5.
Singh, Vivek. His treatment expenses are to be borne by Sports Minister.
09 **Dayanan, Diya (Dr).** Faces deportation to be India from Pakistan.
10 **Singh, Sangram.** Says ransom was paid to Veerappan.
14 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Defends India going nuclear in AP Assembly.
Fernandes, George. US Deputy Secretary of State apologised to him.
16 **Bedi, Monica.** Her extradition ordered by Portugal High Court.
21 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Pays poetic homage to fire victims of Kumbakonam.
Sukhdev Singh. Efforts for his release as hostage enhanced.
22 **Sibal, Kapil.** Seeks Rs. 500 crore for monsoon forecast project.
26 **Ambani, Anil.** Discloses business interest to the Chairman of Rajya Sabha.

August
04 **Chatterjee, Dhananjoy.** Kalam rejects his mercy plea.
06 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Offers uplift theory for India.
Bilkis, Yakoob Rasool. Her case shifted to Mumbai.
07 **Bassi, Kamaljit.** Jailed for 19 years.
13 **Gandhi, Arun.** Will lead Palestinian movement.
Manmohan Singh, Dr. Tells his ministers not to misuse PSUs.
14 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Stresses the overhauling of education system of India.
15 **Manmohan Singh, Dr.** Moots code of conduct for political parties.
23 **Amrutiya, Kantilal.**Gets life imprisonment.
Bharti, Uma. Hubli Court rejects her plea.
27 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Says entrepreneurship orientation key to tackling joblessness.
Aiyar, Mani Shankar. Faces protests from Shiv Sena and BJP.
28 **Wagle, Nikhil.** Maharashtra CID to probe attack on him.
30 **Manorama, Thangjam.** Commission for probing her rape and murder.

September

01 **Hafza Aman (Dr).** Refused citizenship of Pakistan.

07 **Jayalalithaa, J.** Donates three month's salary towards Annadhanam.

09 **Liberhan, M.S. (Justice).** His panel's term extended upto March 31, 2005.

13 **Tata, Ratan.** Go beyond Indica, PM advises him.

19 **Venkatraghavan, Srinivas.** Felicitated by ICC.

21 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Promulgates an ordinance to repeal POTA.

29 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** His appointment as Patron-in-Chief of BCCI stayed.
Pawar, Sharad. Loses electoral battle of BCCI to R.S. Mahendra.
Sidhu, Charanjit Singh. Throws slippers at CJ of Delhi HC.

30 **Goddar, Balladeer.** Addresses a public meeting in Hyderabad.

October

05 **Jayalakshmi.** Her allegations against politicians in sleaze case go to CBI.

08 **Bhatia, Gaurav.** Gets legal rights to sleep in train.

10 **Shekhawat, Bhairon Singh.** Says keep President and PM out of Lokpal's purview.

11 **Akkiraju Haragopal alias Ramakrishna.** Comes overground for talks with AP Govt.

14 **Maran, Dayanidhi.** Annouces new broadband policy.

18 **Advani, L.K.** Invited to visit Pakistan.

24 **Omar, Farooq.** Survives bomb attack.

November

05 **Basu, Jyoti.** His guard was held for theft.

06 **Selja.** Says not in race for HPCC.

07 **Kidwai, A.R.** Seeks opinon of Attorney-General on three bills.
Nariman, Fali S. Says that President, PM should not be brought under Lok Pal.

09 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Says commercial banks' role is to be a venture capitalist.

10 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Stresses on hassle-free banking.

11 **Manmohan Singh, Dr.** Announces the reduction of Troops level in J&K.

17 **Manmohan Singh, Dr.** Announces Central Assistance of Rs. 24000 crore to J&K.

21 **Mandal, T.** Kidnapped in Bihar.

23 **Bajwa, Partap Singh.** Feel slighted in a function.
Rai, Mangla (Dr). Says only biotechnology can usher in Green Revolution.

24 **Banerjee, U.C. (Justice).** Term of the Godhra probe panel extended.

25 **Pandey, Sandeep.** Beaten up by police in Varansai.
Premji, Azim. Says that Quality is like integrity.

27 **Paswan, Ram Vilash.** Decides to go in election alone in Bihar.

29 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr).** Decides not to unveil portraits or statues.

December

01 **Dutt, Sunil.** Unhappy over IHF's functioning.
Kidwai A.R. Returns Bills after raising certain objections.

02 **Bachchan, Jaya.** Attacks Govt. over censoring film on JP.
Kalyan Singh. Appears before Liberhan panal in Babri Masjid case.
Kanshi Ram. His mother moves SC for his custody.
Sheikh, Zahira. Her sister turns hostile.

03 **Ambani, Mukesh.** Meets Sonia Gandhi in New Delhi.

03 **Bedi, Monica.** Portugal SC rejects her plea against extradition.

08 **Bukhari, Omar Mian.** Deported to India from Dubai.
10 **Raju.** Court says Raju and Mala, two women, can live together.
Shastri, Sunil. Launches Jai Jawan Kisan Mazdoor Congress.
Venkatesh, K. Pleads for mercy killing.
12 **Irani, Smriti.** Launches attack on Gujarat CM Modi.
16 **Chatterjee, Somnath.** Offers to step down as Lok Sabha Speaker.
18 **Hazzare, Vijay.** Passed away in Vadodara.
21 **Yadav, Laloo Prasad.** Postpones rally in view of EC observations..
22 **Vij, N.C. (General).** Goes to China on official visit.
25 **Harbhajan Singh.** Nothing wrong with his delivery, he says.

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